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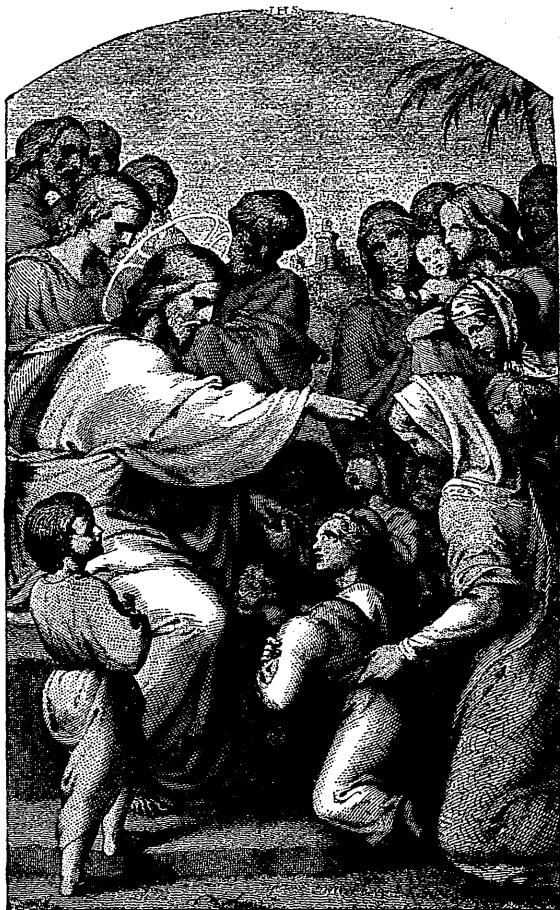
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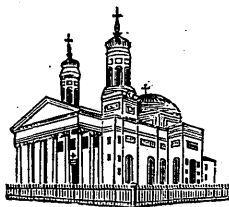
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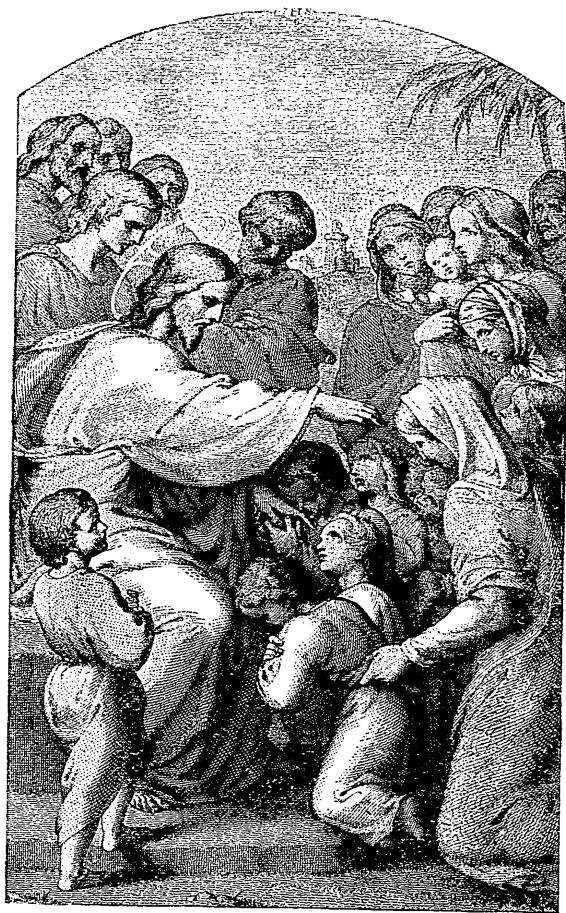
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PREFACE.

THE objects and ends of devotion are always and everywhere the same. But the forms and methods whereby these objects are venerated and these ends attained may vary, perhaps ought to vary, with time and place, and even with individual taste or temperament. Hence many prayer books all in themselves good, but not all equally well suiting all. It is believed that there is yet room for another manual; hence the present compilation. It is intended to comprise all a Catholic will ordinarily need, and at the same time to unite all in a volume which shall not be cumbersome, and yet shall present all in a print not too small for failing eyes, or for any eyes whatever, in the many cases where the light happens to be too "dim," if not too "religious." It is hoped that the patronage of the public will show that these ends were sufficient to prompt the enterprise and have been sufficiently attained.

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TABLE OF MOVABLE FEASTS.

Year of our Lord.	Dominical Letter.	Golden Number.	The Epact.	Septuagesima Sunday.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter Sunday.
1882.	A	2	11	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	Apr. 9
1883	g	3	22	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	Mar. 25
1884	f e	4	3	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	Apr. 13
1885	d	5	14	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 5
1886	c	6	25	Feb. 21	Mar. 10	Apr. 25
1887	b	7	6	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	Apr. 10
1888	A g	8	17	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	Apr. 1
1889	f	9	28	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	Apr. 21
1890	e	10	9	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	Apr. 6
1891	d	11	20	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	Mar. 29
1892	c b	12	1	Feb. 14	Mar. 2	Apr. 17
1893	A	13	12	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	Apr. 2
1894	g	14	23	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	Mar. 25
1895	f	15	4	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	Apr. 14
1896	e d	16	15	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	Apr. 5
1897	c	17	26	Feb. 14	Mar. 3	Apr. 18
1898	b	18	7	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	Apr. 10
1899	A	19	18	Jan. 26	Feb. 15	Apr. 2
1900	g	1	29	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	Apr. 15
1901	f	2	10	Feb. 3	Feb. 20	Apr. 7
1902	e	3	21	Jan. 26	Feb. 12	Mar. 30
1903	d	4	2	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12
1904	c b	5	13	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4
1905	A	6	24	Feb. 19	Mar. 8	Apr. 23
1906	g	7	5	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	Apr. 15

TABLE OF MOVABLE FEASTS.

Year of our Lord.	Ascension Day.	Whitsunday.	Corpus Christi.	Sundays after Pentecost.	First Sunday of Advent.
1882	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1883	May 3	May 13	May 24	28	Dec. 2
1884	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1885	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1886	June 3	June 13	June 24	23	Nov. 28
1887	May 19	May 29	June 9	25	Nov. 27
1888	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1889	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1890	May 15	May 25	June 5	26	Nov. 30
1891	May 7	May 17	May 28	27	Nov. 29
1892	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1893	May 11	May 21	June 1	27	Dec. 3
1894	May 3	May 13	May 24	28	Dec. 2
1895	May 23	June 2	June 13	25	Dec. 1
1896	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1897	May 27	June 6	June 17	24	Nov. 28
1898	May 19	May 29	June 9	25	Nov. 27
1899	May 11	May 21	June 1	27	Dec. 3
1900	May 24	June 3	June 14	25	Dec. 2
1901	May 16	May 26	June 6	26	Dec. 1
1902	May 8	May 18	May 29	27	Nov. 30
1903	May 11	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1904	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1905	June 1	June 11	June 22	24	Dec. 3
1906	May 24	June 3	June 14	25	Dec. 2

HOLY DAYS.

Days of Obligation.

THE Circumcision of Our Lord.—The Epiphany.—The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin.—The Ascension.—Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.—All Saints.—The Nativity of our Lord.

Sundays, and the feasts which fall on them, are not included in this enumeration.

In the dioceses of *New Orleans, St. Louis, Mobile, Vincennes, Dubuque, Little Rock* and *Chicago*, the Circumcision, Epiphany, Annunciation and Corpus Christi are not festivals of obligation.

Fasting Days.

Fridays in Advent.—Every day in Lent, Sundays excepted.—The Ember days, which occur four times in the year, viz., the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 1. Immediately after the first Sunday in Lent; 2. In Whitsun Week; 3. Immediately after the 14th of September; 4. Immediately after the third Sunday of Advent. The Vigils of Whit-Sunday, of the Assumption, of all Saints, and of Christmas.

When a fasting day falls upon a Sunday, it is kept on

the Saturday preceding that Sunday. All who have completed their twenty-first year are obliged to observe the fasts of the Church, unless exempted for some legitimate cause.

In the before-mentioned Western dioceses the Friday of the Ember-days is the only Friday in Advent on which there is an obligation to fast.

Days of Abstinence.

All Fridays. If Christmas day fall upon a Friday, abstinence is not of obligation.

NOTE.—When a fasting-day falls upon a Sunday, it is kept on the Saturday preceding that Sunday. All who have completed their twenty-first year are obliged to observe the fasts of the Church, unless exempted for some legitimate cause. A day of abstinence is that on which we are not allowed to eat flesh-meat. All who have attained the age of reason are obliged to observe the abstinence commanded by the Church. Abstinence on Saturday has been dispensed with for the faithful of the United States.

LAY BAPTISM.

PROVIDED an infant is in danger of dying before a Priest can be procured, any other person, whether man, woman, or child, may baptize it in the following manner :

Whilst pouring common water on the head or face of the infant, pronounce the words: I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The same may be said of an adult, in danger of death; any one may baptize him or her, provided he or she have the necessary dispositions. The case is, however, rare.

SOME NECESSARY TRUTHS.

AMONG the truths which faith teaches us, there are several which all ought to know and to believe explicitly, viz: The existence of one God, the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the mystery of the Redemption of Mankind by the incarnation and death of Jesus Christ, and the future state of reward and punishment.

There are things which every Catholic is also bound to know, either by the express command of God, or of the Church. These things are: 1. The three most ordinary Christian prayers, viz., the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed; and also at least in substance, 2. The Commandments of God; 3. The Precepts of the Church; 4. The doctrine of the Sacraments, and especially of these three, which are necessary to every one, namely, Baptism, Penance, and the Holy Eucharist; 5. The duties and obligations of one's state of life. It is a mortal sin for a Christian to be ignorant of these things, if it be through his own wilfulness or neglect.

MORNING PRAYERS.

IN the name of the Father, etc. Amen. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity now and for ever more. Amen. Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

An Act of Adoration.

O great God, the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, I prostrate myself before thee. With all the angels and saints I adore thee. I acknowledge thee to be my Creator and sovereign Lord, my first beginning and last end. I render to thee the homage of my being and life. I submit myself to thy holy will, and I devote myself to thy divine service this day and for ever.

An Act of Faith.

O my God! I firmly believe all the sacred truths which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because thou hast revealed them, who neither canst deceive nor be deceived.

An Act of Hope.

O my God! relying on thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

An Act of Love.

O my God! I love thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, purely because thou art infinitely perfect and deserving of all love. I love also my neighbor as myself for the love of thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

O glorious Trinity! I praise thee and give thee thanks for the numberless benefits thou hast bestowed upon me. I thank thee, O heavenly Father, for having created me in thy own image and likeness, and for having preserved me to this day. I thank thee, O merciful Son, for having redeemed me by thy death, and so often fed me with thy precious body and blood. I thank thee, O Holy Spirit, for having cleansed my soul by thy grace in holy baptism, for having called me to the true faith, and so often washed me from my sins in the sacrament of penance. I thank thee, O most bountiful God, for preserving me this night and granting me this day to serve thee. I earnestly invite all the saints of heaven and earth to join with me in praise and thanksgiving for thy infinite goodness.

[Pause awhile, and foresee the sins you are most subject to, and firmly resolve to avoid them.]

An Act of Contrition.

My conscience, O Lord, still reproaches me with many weaknesses and infidelities. I most sincerely repent for having offended thy infinite goodness. I firmly resolve to avoid sin for the future, and rather to die than offend thee.

[Make a firm resolution to avoid evil, and to do good.]

Adorable Jesus! divine model of that perfection to which we should all aspire! I will endeavor this day to follow thy example; to be mild, humble, chaste, zealous, patient, charitable and resigned. Incline my heart to keep thy commandments. I am resolved to watch over myself with the greatest diligence, and to live soberly, justly and piously for the time to come. I will take care of my ways, that I may not offend with my tongue. I will turn away my eyes, that they may not see vanity, and I will be particularly attentive not to relapse this

day into my accustomed failings, but to struggle against them with thy gracious assistance. Enlighten my mind, purify my heart, and guide my steps; that I may pass all my life in thy divine service. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Angelical Salutation.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and in the hour of our death. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Confiteor.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to

all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, the blessed Michael the archangel, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord give me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

Invoke the Blessed Virgin, your angel guardian and your patron saint.

O holy Virgin, Mother of God, my advocate and patroness, pray for thy poor servant; show thyself a mother to me; and thou, O blessed Spirit, whom God in his mercy hath appointed to watch over

me, intercede for me this day, that I may not stray from the path of virtue. Thou also, O happy saint whose name I bear, pray for me, that I may serve God faithfully in this life, as thou hast done, and glorify him eternally with thee in heaven. Amen.

The Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity one God,

Jesus, Son of the Living God,

Jesus, Splendor of the Father,

Jesus, Brightness of Eternal Light,

Jesus, King of Glory,

Jesus, Sun of Justice,

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, Most amiable,

Jesus, Most admirable,

Jesus, Powerful God,

Jesus, Father of the world to come,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Angel of the Great Council,
 Jesus, Most patient,
 Jesus, Most obedient,
 Jesus, Meek and humble of heart,
 Jesus, Lover of Chastity,
 Jesus, God of Peace,
 Jesus, Lover of Mankind,
 Jesus, Author of Life,
 Jesus, Model of Virtues,
 Jesus, Zealous for Souls,
 Jesus, Our God,
 Jesus, Our Refuge,
 Jesus, Father of the Poor,
 Jesus, Treasurer of the Faithful,
 Jesus, Good Shepherd,
 Jesus, True Light,
 Jesus, Eternal Wisdom,
 Jesus, Infinite Goodness,
 Jesus, our Way, and our Life,
 Jesus, Joy of Angels,
 Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,
 Jesus, Master of the Apostles,
 Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,
 Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
 Jesus, Light of Confessors,
 Jesus, Purity of Virgins,
 Jesus, Crown of All Saints,

Be merciful unto us. *Hear us, O Jesus!*
 Be merciful unto us. *Spare us, O Jesus!*
 From all sin, *Deliver us, O Lord Jesus!*

Have mercy on us.

From thy wrath,
 From the snares of the Devil,
 From the spirit of uncleanness,
 From eternal death,
 From the neglect of thy inspirations,
 By the mystery of thy Incarnation.
 By thy Nativity,
 By thy Childhood,
 By thy Labors,
 By thy Agony and Passion,
 By thy Death and Burial,
 By thy Resurrection,
 By thy Ascension, *Deliver us, O Jesus!*
 By thy Glory, *Deliver us, O Jesus!*

Lord Jesus, deliver us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Jesus!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Hear us, O Jesus!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

Jesus hear us. *Lord Jesus, graciously hear us!*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said, *Ask and thou shalt receive, seek and thou shalt find, knock and it shall be opened unto thee*; mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the divine gift of thy charity, that we may ever love thee with our whole hearts, and never desist from thy praise; who livest and reignest one God world without end. Amen.

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God! despise not our petitions in our

necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and Blessed Virgin!

The Angelus Domini.

[To be said morning, noon and night, in memory of the adorable mystery of the Incarnation of our blessed Saviour.]

1. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, &c.

2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord; May it be done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, &c.

3. And the word was made flesh: and dwelt among us. Hail Mary, &c.

Let us Pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR NIGHT.

IN the name of the Father, etc. Amen. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen. Come, O Holy Ghost! replenish the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy divine love.

[Let us place ourselves in the presence of God, and humbly adore him.]

Great God, the Lord of heaven and earth! I prostrate myself before thee. With all the angels and saints, I adore thee. I acknowledge thee to be my Creator and sovereign Lord, my first beginning and last end. I render to thee the homage of my being and life. I submit myself to thy holy will; and I devote myself to thy divine service, now and for ever.

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[Let us return thanks to God for the favors bestowed on us.]

Prayer.

How shall I be able to thank thee, O Lord, for all thy favors; thou hast thought of me from all eternity; thou hast brought me forth from nothing; thou hast given thy life to redeem me, and thou continuest still daily to load me with thy favors. Alas! my God, what return can I make thee for all thy benefits, and in particular for the favors of this day? Join me ye blessed spirits, and all ye elect, in praising the God of mercies, who is so bountiful to so unworthy a creature.

[Let us beg of God to make known our sins to us.]

Prayer.

O Holy Ghost, eternal source of light, remove my darkness, and dispel those shades that hide from me the filth and enormity of my offences. Show me, I beseech thee, the sins I have this day committed, in thought, word and action. Grant me a feeling sense of them, that

I may detest them all from the bottom of my heart, and dread nothing so much as ever to commit them hereafter.

[Repeat the General Confession, as in page 6, "I confess to Almighty God," etc.]

Prayer.

Behold me, O Lord, overwhelmed with confusion, and penetrated with grief at the sight of my iniquities. I am not worthy to be called thy child, nor even to be reckoned among thy servants, because I have repaid thy goodness with malice, and thy patience with ingratitude. I have sinned against heaven and earth. I have offended thee who art so good, so amiable and so worthy of my love. Yet Lord, I am the work of thy hands, ransomed with the precious blood of thy own Son, who died for our Salvation. Through his infinite merits I implore forgiveness. Have pity on me, and spare me for his sake. Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. I am heartily

sorry for them, because they are offensive to thee, and shall continue to repent sincerely of them to the very hour of my death.

[Let us make a firm purpose of amendment.]

Prayer.

O Eternal God against whom I have sinned, I wish from my heart that I had never offended thee; but as I have been so unhappy, O grant me now grace never more to offend thee. Thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live. Convert me then, and I shall be converted. Have mercy on me according to thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities. I renounce all sin, and firmly purpose to shun all the occasions of it, and to walk henceforth in the path of thy commandments. This is my fixed resolution, which I hope I shall faithfully keep, relying upon thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

ANTHEM.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God,
despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver
us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother undefiled,

Mother unviolated,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Redeemer,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Pray for us.

Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of Justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual Vessel,
Vessel of Honor,
Vessel of Singular Devotion,
Mystical Rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of Ivory,
House of Gold,
Ark of the Covenant,
Gate of Heaven,
Morning Star,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us!

Christ hear us. Christ graciously hear us.

Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

Our Father, etc.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Prayer.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son has been made known by the message of an angel may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pour down thy blessing, O Lord, on thy Holy Church, on our Holy Father the Pope, on this diocese, on our Reverend Bishop and all pastors of souls, on this country, on our rulers and all superiors (temporal and spiritual), on this congregation, on this family, on our parents, relations, benefactors, friends and enemies.

Help the poor, the sick, and those that are in their agony; convert all heretics and enlighten the infidels.

Our Father, etc. Hail Mary, etc. I believe in God, etc.

[Let us pray for the souls of all the Faithful departed, particularly for those of our friends and benefactors.]

Psalm 129.

Out of the depths I have cried unto thee, O Lord! Lord! hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord! wilt mark iniquities; Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness; and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord!

My soul hath relied on his word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord!

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

V. O Lord! hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us Pray.

O God! the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired, who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

[Let us recommend our rest to God, to the Blessed Virgin and the Saints.]

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord! this night to keep us without sin.

R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

Let us Pray.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace ; and may thy blessing be upon us for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, the repose I am going to take, in order to renew my strength that I may be better able to serve thee. O all ye saints and angels, but chiefly thou, O Mother of God, intercede for me this night, and during the rest of my life, but particularly at the hour of my death.

May the divine assistance remain always with us. Amen.

An Offering Before Going to Rest.

O my sweet Jesus, I will take my repose in the immaculate heart of Mary, within thy sacred heart, in union with thy repose in the bosom of thy Eternal Father, in the most Blessed Sacrament of the

altar, and in the arms of thy virginal Mother.

May every pulsation of my heart be an act of love, praise, and thanksgiving for thy goodness, and of sorrow for having offended thee. Amen.

Aspirations.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart, my mind, and my life.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I die peaceably in your holy company. Amen.

[Indulgences: Three hundred days for each recital; one hundred days for reciting one of the three aspirations. Applicable to the souls in purgatory.]

Anthems at Sprinkling the Holy Water.

[Before Solemn Mass on the Sundays from Trinity to Palm Sunday, inclusively, the following Anthem is said:]

Ant. Asperges me Domine hyssopo, et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem dealdabor.

Ps. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum magnum misericordiam tuam.

V. Gloria Patri, etc.

Ant. Asperges me, etc.

[The Priest, being returned to the foot of the altar, says:]

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Ant. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Ps. Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. Thou wilt sprinkle me, etc.

V. Show us, O Lord, thy mercy.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The Prayer, Exaudi.

1. Hear us, O Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Eternal God, and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all that are assembled in this place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[From Easter to Whit-Sunday, inclusively, instead of the foregoing Anthem, the following Anthem is sung, and Alleluias are added to the V. Ostend nobis and its R. Et salutare, etc.]

Anthem.

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo a latere dextro, <i>Alleluia</i> : et omnes ad quos pervenet aqua ista, salvi facii sunt et dicent, <i>Allel.</i>	I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, <i>Alleluia</i> : and all to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say <i>Allel.</i>
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Ps. Confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus: quoniam in sæculum misericordia ejus. Gloria, etc.	Ps. Praise the Lord, be- cause he is good: because his mercy endureth forever. Glory, etc.
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A Preparatory Prayer before Mass.

Prostrate in spirit at the foot of thy holy altar, I adore thee, O Almighty God! and firmly believe that the Mass, at which I am going to assist, is the sacrifice of the body and blood of thy Son, Christ Jesus. O grant that I may assist thereat with the attention, respect and awe due to such august mysteries; and that by the merits of the Victim there offered for me, I myself may become an agreeable sacrifice to thee, who livest and reignest with the same Son and Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE MASS.

O HEAVENLY Father, who hast so loved the world as to bestow upon it thy only Son, and thou; O amiable Jesus, who, not satisfied with offering thyself once upon a cross, a bleeding victim for our transgressions, by the hands of thy ministers continuest to offer thyself every day in an unbloody manner, grant me now thy grace, that I may, with most fervent love and profound respect, be present at this sacrifice. Enliven my faith with the sense of thy presence, occupy alone my mind, remove from me all such thoughts and objects as distract me, purify my heart from earthly affections, and remember, O Lord, the promise which Jesus Christ hath made: "That where two or three should assemble

in his name, there would he be in the midst of them, and that nothing should be refused to us which we should ask in his name." Behold here thy children assembled; 'tis thy dear Son who prayeth in us; canst thou reject our joint petition, or discern not the voice of him in whom, from all eternity, thou wert well pleased?



PRAYERS AT MASS.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

It is in thy name, O adorable Trinity! it is to honor thee and to do thee homage, that I assist in this most holy and august sacrifice. Permit me then, O Lord, to unite my intention with that of thy minister in offering up this precious victim, and give me now the sentiments I ought to have had on Mount Calvary had I been a witness of that bloody sacrifice.

Confiteor.

I confess, O my God, not only in thy presence, who seest the secrets of hearts, but in presence of the blessed in heaven and of all the faithful on earth, that I have

often and grievously offended thee by my thoughts, words, actions and omissions. Yes, I have sinned; I acknowledge it to my shame and with the most bitter regret; I have abused all thy gifts, and therefore I humbly beseech thee, O Blessed Virgin Mary and all ye saints and angels, to intercede for me. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to listen to them; grant to the ardor of their prayers what thou mayest justly refuse to the coldness of mine; and to their services, so pleasing in thy sight, that pardon which my offences can have no claim to.

Kyrie Eleison.

Though I were at every instant of my life to cry out: Lord, have mercy on me, this would still be unequal to the number and quality of my offences; but when, after long repeating it, thou shouldst appear to disregard me, I would still redouble my importunity and cry out, with a louder and more animated voice, as the Chanaan woman and the blind man of

Jericho did, "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me!" Be not then tired, O Lord, of my prayers and supplications; I know that thou lovest to be importuned. If as yet thy goodness hath not granted my pardon, my perseverance shall at length engage thee to grant it. Have pity, O Creator, on the work of thy hands. O Father of mercies, grant pardon to thy children.

Gloria in Excelsis.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus
bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus
te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus
te. Gratias agimus
tibi propter magnam gloriam
tuam. Domine Deus
Rex cœlestis. Deus Pater
omnipotens. Domine Fili
unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris. Qui tollis
peccata mundi, miserere
nobis. Qui tollis peccata
mundi, suscipe deprecatio-

Glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth to men
of good will. We praise
thee. We bless thee. We
adore thee. We glorify
thee. We give thee thanks
for thy great glory. O Lord
God! O heavenly King! O
God the Father Almighty!
O Lord Jesus Christ, the
only begotten Son! O Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of
the Father! O thou who
takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us.
O thou who takest away

nem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

the sins of the world, receive our prayer. O thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou alone art holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone art most high, O Jesus Christ; together with the Holy Ghost in the glory of the Father. Amen.

The Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, we humbly beseech thee to look down upon this congregation from thy heavenly sanctuary, and graciously hear these prayers of thy Church addressed to thee for us all by the ministry of this priest.

Grant us, in thy infinite mercy, pardon of our sins, health of mind and body, peace in our days, unity and increase of Catholic faith, fervor of charity, sincere devotion, patience in suffering, and everything conducive to thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Epistle.

O eternal God, who never ceases to excite us to the worship and love of thy holy name, and to arm us against the attacks of the world, the flesh and the devil, by the public ministry of thy Church, by the doctrine of thy prophets and Apostles, and by many other holy admonitions, grant we may faithfully attend to these lessons of salvation, that thus our knowledge of thy law may never rise in judgment against us, but guide us securely to thee, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel.

It is not thy interpreters, O God, who are now to instruct me; it is thy only Son, it is his word I am going to hear. I most gratefully embrace this heavenly doctrine; I rise up to declare it in the face of heaven and earth that I will walk faithfully in that way which he hath

marked out for me. He tells me here: "That it will avail a man nothing to gain the whole world if he lose his own soul; that the sensual, the covetous, the worldling, the libertine, the detractor, and such as are insensible to the miseries of the poor, shall have no share in his heavenly kingdom, and that in order to become a disciple of his I must take up my cross and follow him." I receive with all my heart these sacred maxims; grant me the grace to put them in practice; for to what purpose should I declare myself thy disciple, if I were not to live according to thy Gospel?

The Creed.

Credo in unum Deum, patrem omnipotentem, factorem, cœli et terræ, visibilibus omnium, et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum, ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo,

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. And born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light,

Lumen de Lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum nonfactum, consubstantialem Patri per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem, descendit de cœlis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine; ET HOMO FACTUS EST. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos; cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum, et vivificantem; qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam, et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma,

true God of true God. Begotten, not made; consubstantial to the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnated by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; AND HE WAS MADE MAN: Was crucified also under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. And the third day he arose again, according to the Scriptures. And he ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father. And he is to come again with glory, to judge the living and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who, together with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And One Holy Catholic

in remissionem peccatorum. Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offertory.

O Holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God, how unworthy soever I be to appear in thy presence, I dare to offer thee this Host by the hands of the priest, with that intention which Christ my Saviour did when he first instituted this sacrifice, and which he has at this very instant, that he immolates himself for us; I offer it in acknowledgment of thy supreme dominion over me and all creatures; I offer it in propitiation of my crimes, in thanksgiving for all thy benefits; I offer it to obtain of thy infinite goodness, for my parents, benefactors, friends and enemies, all those precious graces which only through him can be obtained, who is the *Just* by excellence, and who became a victim for the sins of men.

Accept then, O Lord, this ineffable sacrifice, as a sweet odor, and permit me to unite to this sacred oblation the sacrifice of my soul and body, and whatever I am or have. Change me, O Lord, and make me a new creature in Christ, as thou art going to change this bread and wine by thy power and make them the body and blood of thy Son.

WHEN THE PRIEST WASHES HIS FINGERS.

O what cleanness and purity of heart ought we to bring with us to this great sacrifice! But, alas! I am a poor unclean sinner. O wash me, dear Lord, from all the stains of sin in the blood of the Lamb, that I may be worthy to be present at these heavenly mysteries.

WHEN THE PRIEST SAYS "ORATE FRATRES."

Receive, O Lord, from the hands of the priest, the sacrifice which is now prepared for the praise and the glory of thy name, for our benefit and that of all thy Holy

Church. Graciously hear the prayers which she now offers to thee by the mouth of her minister, and mercifully grant us all the graces which thou knowest to be necessary for our salvation.

The Preface.

Do thou thyself, O Lord, raise up my heart; inflame it with love; free it from earthly affections; let me be all in heaven, where my treasure is, and on the altar where he is going to be. My life, O Lord, is a continued succession of thy favors. O let my thanksgivings be also uninterrupted; and since thou art going to renew the greatest of sacrifices, should I not also break forth into the most lively acknowledgments? Permit me then, O Lord, to join my feeble voice with all the heavenly spirits, and to say with them, in transports of joy and admiration, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of armies! The heavens and the earth are filled with his glory!

Blessed be he who cometh in the name of the Lord, Eternal King and God, as he who sends him !”

The Canon.

O Father of Mercy, graciously receive by the hands of the priest this most holy sacrifice in union with that which thy beloved Son offered up to thee during his whole life, at his last supper, and on the cross. Look down on thy Christ, thy dearest and only begotten, in whom thou art always well pleased, and by the infinite merits of his incarnation, of his nativity, of his tears, labors, sufferings and death, have mercy upon me and upon all those for whom I ought to pray—[here name the particular persons]—my parents, brethren, friends, benefactors, relations, and those who have injured me or whom I have injured. I also beseech thee to guard, prosper and extend the Holy Catholic Church; to pour down thy blessings upon our chief

Pastor the Pope, upon the Bishops and all the clergy ; enlighten and guide them in the way of salvation. Bless and preserve our rulers and all our fellow-citizens. Look upon us all, I beseech thee, with eyes of mercy and compassion. Bring us all to the perfect practice of a holy and virtuous life here, and to the possession of thy eternal glory hereafter. May we all know thee ; may we all please thee perfectly ; may we fear, love and glorify thee ; through the same Jesus Christ, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth one God, world without end. Amen.

Why have I not, O God, at this moment, the ardent sighs with which the holy Patriarchs wished for the Messiah ? Why have I not their faith and all their love ? Come, Lord Jesus ! come, sweet Redeemer of the world, to accomplish a mystery which is an abridgment of all thy wonders !

Thou art indeed the true Pastor of souls, who didst lay down thy life for thy flock !

Thou art the Lamb of God that died upon the cross to save us! I prostrate myself in spirit before thee, and desire to praise and bless thee for ever.

The Elevation.

PRAYER.

Hail, Victim of Salvation! Eternal King! Incarnate Word! Sacrificed for me and all mankind! Hail, precious Body of the Son of God! Hail, sacred flesh, torn with nails, pierced with a lance and bleeding on a cross for us poor sinners! O amazing goodness! O infinite love! O let that tender love plead now in my behalf; let all my iniquities be here effaced, and my name be written in the Book of Life. I believe in thee, I hope in thee, I love thee. To thee be honor, praise and glory from all creatures for ever.

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE CHALICE.

Hail, sacred blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ and washing away

the sins of the world! O cleanse, sanctify and preserve my soul, that nothing may separate me from thee. Behold, O Eternal Father, thy holy Jesus, and look upon the face of thy Christ, in whom thou art well pleased. Hear the voice of his Blood, that cries out to thee, not for vengeance, but for pardon and mercy. Accept of this divine oblation, and through the infinite merits of all that Jesus endured on the cross for our salvation, be pleased to look upon us and upon all thy people with an eye of mercy.

The Rest of the Canon.

'Tis now, O Eternal Majesty, that we truly and really offer thee that pure, holy and immaculate Victim, which of thyself thou hast been pleased to grant us, and of which all other offerings were only the types! The sacrifices of Abel, of Abraham and Melchisedeck were nothing compared to ours. This glorious Victim, thy

dear Son himself, the perfect object of thy eternal love, is alone worthy of thy altar—is an offering by so much the more precious than theirs, as God is greater than all creatures.

OFFER UP THE MASS AS A SACRIFICE OF HOLOCAUST.

O Sovereign Lord of all things, graciously accept my humble homage in union with that which thou here receivest from Christ, thy beloved Son, in whom thou art well pleased. With him I offer thee his own holy sacrifice for the end he proposes, while he immolates himself upon this altar. He only knows the boundless excellence of thy unspeakable majesty. He alone fully comprehends the entire extent of thy dominion. He beholds thee as thou art, and how all creatures, visible and invisible, depend on thee. He clearly conceives that thy right is absolute over all we are, all we possess or can hope for in this life and in eternity. It is to acknowledge this supreme dominion, and to

make in his name a public profession of our total dependence upon thee, that he renews every day, and that we renew with him, this most holy sacrifice.

OFFER IT AS A SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING.

Vouchsafe also, dearest Lord, to receive this precious Victim in thanksgiving for all thy benefits. Thou hast created me to thy own likeness, and without thee I must fall back into my original nothing. For my sake thy beloved Son gave himself up to the cruelty of the Jews and to an ignominious death; nor doth a moment of my existence pass away without new proofs of thy bounty. I wish, O Lord, at the price of my blood, I could acknowledge in some degree these numberless favors; but the offering I here make thee is far more acceptable; it is thy own Son, equal in all things to thee—the figure of thy substance, the splendor of thy glory.

AS A SACRIFICE OF EXPIATION.

Remember, O merciful Father, that the sacrifice we are now offering to thee is a representation of that which was offered by our Saviour on the cross. May it be now again a propitiatory sacrifice. Pardon us our ingratitude ; our transgressions, it is true, are grievous and manifold, but then, O Lord, it is the blood of a God we offer in atonement.

AS A SACRIFICE OF IMPETRATION.

O God, who art infinitely bountiful, be pleased now to crown all thy favors by the gift of a lively faith, of a firm hope, of an ardent charity. Bless all my labors ; give me clearly to know thy holy will, and steadily to execute it ; grant me to persevere in thy grace to the end of my life. Have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed, particularly on those whom I am bound to pray for. [Name them.] Deliver them, O Lord, from their sufferings, through the powerful merits of thy Son.

Pater Noster.

Pater noster, qui es in
cœlis; Sanctificetur nomen
tuum. Adveniat regnum
tuum. Fiat Voluntas tua
sicut in cœlo et in terra.
Panem nostrum quotidiana-
rum da nobis hodie. Et
dimitte nobis debita nostra,
sicut et nos dimittimus de-
bitoribus nostris. Et ne
nos inducas in tentationem.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.
P. Amen.

Our Father, who art in
heaven; hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our tres-
passes, as we forgive them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temp-
tation; but deliver us from
evil. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord,
from all evils past, present, and to come.
And by the intercession of the Blessed
and ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and
of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and
Andrew, and all the saints, mercifully
grant peace in our days, that through the
assistance of thy mercy we may be always
free from sin and secure from all disturb-
ance, through the same Jesus Christ our
Lord, who with thee liveth and reigneth
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world
without end. Amen.

Agnus Dei.

O Lamb of God, sacrificed for my sake, have mercy on me! O adorable Victim of my salvation, look down on me and save me! Divine Mediator, obtain pardon of thy Father for me a sinner, and mercifully grant me the sweets of thy peace. Amen.

Communion.

What a comfort to me, O God, were I in the number of those whose sanctity allows them to receive thee daily! What an advantage, could I at this instant possess thee in my heart, pay thee there my homage, lay open to thee my wants, and share in the favors which thou grantest to those who receive thee really! But since I am unworthy, do thou, O Lord, supply my want of dispositions; pardon me my sins; I detest them from my heart, because they are displeasing to thee. Accept my ardent wish to be united to thee;

cast thine eye upon me, and purify my soul, that I may soon be fit to receive thee worthily; but until the arrival of this happy day, I earnestly entreat thee, O dearest Lord, that thou wouldst make me a sharer in all the advantages which the communion of the priest shall produce in these thy people. Increase my faith by the virtue of this Sacrament, strengthen my hope, refine in my soul thy divine charity; fill my heart with love, that it beat but for thee, and live for thee alone. Amen.

The Last Prayer.

Thou hast offered thyself, O Lord, for my salvation; I desire to be sacrificed for thy glory; I am thy victim, do with me as thou wilt; whatever I have I consecrate entirely to thee; those crosses, which thou shalt please to send me, I most freely accept; I bless them; I receive them from thy hand, and unite them with those thou hast endured for my sake. I am now

leaving thy temple, resolved, with thy help, to serve thee faithfully ; I will struggle against my failings, but chiefly against that which I am most inclined to ; thy law shall henceforth direct me, and I shall forfeit all and suffer everything rather than mortally transgress it.

At the Benediction.

Most holy and adorable Trinity, by thee we have begun this sacrifice, by thee we desire to conclude it ; we therefore shall not leave thee until thou bless us. Give us, O Lord, thy blessing by the hands of this priest ; may it ever remain with us ; may it influence our actions and be the sure pledge of that last Benediction which thy elect shall receive when called by thee into eternal glory.

The Last Gospel.

Divine Word ! only Son of the Father !
Light of the World ! who camest from
heaven to show us the way to it, I adore

thy majesty with most profound respect; I place my whole confidence in thee; I hope most firmly that as thou art my God, a God made Man to save mankind, that thou wilt grant me those graces my sanctification requires, and also the enjoyment of thee in thy glory.



A PRAYER AFTER MASS.

I RETURN thee thanks, O God, for permitting me to assist at this holy sacrifice, rather than so many others, who have not been favored in the same manner; and I hope that, through thy great mercy, thou wilt pardon me the faults which I have here committed, either by inattention or languor. I shall return hence to my employments, but shall remember through the course of the day what thou hast here done for me, and shall endeavor that no thought, word or action of mine deprive me of the advantages of which I have now been partaker.

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION.

THERE is scarcely any duty of greater importance in religion than to receive the *Sacrament of Penance* with the necessary dispositions. Penance is as indispensably requisite for those who have fallen into sin after baptism as baptism itself is for such as have never been baptized. *It is a second plank after the shipwreck of sin, without which the sinner must inevitably perish.* But then it is to be observed that this sacrament must be received with the necessary dispositions. The cleansing of the baptismal robe and restoring it to its original purity is not to be effected without much labor and application. It would be absurd to imagine that the unchangeable justice of God, which could not be satisfied but by the sufferings of Jesus Christ, and which, notwithstanding these sufferings, doth still condemn to eternal torments the unrepenting sinner; it would be absurd, I say, to imagine that his justice should now be appeased by a superficial or outward compliance with this duty, accompanied perhaps with insincerity, gross negligence, or a fixed adherence to mortal sin, and therefore destitute of real sorrow, change of heart, and a firm purpose of amendment. The enormity of sin is the same at this day as it ever was; it is as unchangeable as God himself, because it is essentially a rebellion against him, a breach of his law, an insult offered to his eternal majesty,

and consequently not more remissible at present in the *Sacrament of Penance* than at the earliest periods of Christianity, when the severest discipline prevailed and the fervor of primitive penitents was so ardent. Hence, that this merciful institution may never be frustrated of its end, and in order that the sinner may always obtain by it the pardon of his offences, we must strictly fulfil these five following conditions:

1. An examination of conscience, that we may know all our sins.
2. A heart-felt sorrow for having committed them.
3. A firm resolution never to commit them again.
4. A candid and humble confession of them to a priest empowered to absolve us.
5. A desire or intention of satisfying God, and our neighbor also, if injured.

Prayers Before the Examination of Conscience.

Beg of God to make your sins known to you, and to give you a true sense of their malice. Prostrate yourself, in spirit, at the feet of your Redeemer, as Magdalen did when she washed them with her tears; or imagine yourself on Mount Calvary, and there, beneath his cross, pour forth your prayers to him, resolving to acquit yourself of this confession, as if it were to be your last.

O Holy Spirit, Eternal Source of Light, mercifully vouchsafe to enlighten the darkness of my understanding, that I may

clearly perceive the true state of my conscience. Thou who hast created me, and art to be my judge, dost fully behold the most secret recesses of my heart; shew me now, therefore, my sins in as conspicuous a manner as I shall behold them when on the point of appearing at thy tremendous tribunal. My object at present is to prevent the rigorous account I must there give of all my thoughts, words and actions; for were I now deficient in that sincere exactness which is necessary in the examination and confession of my sins, thou wouldst infallibly correct, at thy unerring tribunal, the injustice and iniquity of such a proceeding. Discover, then, to me, O my God! all those secret thoughts, irregular desires, criminal words and actions, or omissions of my duty, by which I may have violated thy sacred laws or scandalized my neighbor. O do not permit self-love to seduce and blind me, but rather remove the veil if placed

before my eyes, that, beholding the true state of my interior, I may make an humble and sincere confession of my sins to thy minister.

I desire, like the prodigal child, to enter seriously into myself, and without delay to forsake my evil ways, in which I have been wearied out in the pursuit of empty toys and mere shadows, seeking in vain to satisfy my thirst with muddy waters and my hunger with the husks of swine. I ardently desire to return to thee, O Fountain of Life! But, O my God, though I can go astray from thee fast enough when left to myself, yet I cannot make one step towards returning to thee unless thy divine grace stir me up and assist me. This grace, then, I most humbly implore, prostrate in spirit before the throne of thy mercy. I beg it for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, who died upon the cross for me and for all sinners. Thou hast said: "*There is joy in heaven for*

one sinner that does penance." Give me now the grace of true repentance, and let heaven rejoice at my conversion. Assist me in this great work by thy heavenly light, in order that I may discover all my imperfections, see all my sins in their true colors, and sincerely detest and confess them. I know thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live. I know that thy mercies are above all thy works, and I most confidently hope that as in thy mercy thou hast spared me so long and hast now given me this desire of returning to thee, so thou wilt finish the work that thou hast begun by assisting me in every part of my preparation for it, and bringing me to a perfect reconciliation with thee.

Examine yourself attentively, not only on the sins you have committed since your last confession, but also on the faults you may have committed in making it; but beware of scrupulosity or anxiety, for in this examination it is only necessary that you should use such a

moral diligence as any temporal concern might require, where it is neither your intention nor your interest to be deceived. For this purpose calmly recollect on the different occasions of sin which have since fallen in your way or to which your state and condition of life exposes you, the places you have frequented, the persons you have conversed with, etc.; in the doing of which the following table of sins will greatly assist you.

An Examination of Conscience.

For those who confess their sins regularly and frequently, according to the threefold duty we owe to God, to our neighbor, and to ourselves.

I.—IN RELATION TO GOD.

1. Have you omitted morning or evening prayer, or neglected to make your daily examination of conscience? Have you prayed negligently and with willful distractions?

2. Have you been negligent in the discharge of any of your religious duties? Have you taken care that those under your charge have not wanted the instructions necessary for their condition, nor time for prayer or to prepare for the sacraments?

3. Have you spoken irreverently of God and holy things? Have you taken his name in vain or told untruths?

4. Have you omitted your duty through human respect or interest, etc.?

5. Have you been zealous for God's honor, for justice, virtue and truth, and reproved such as act otherwise?

6. Have you resigned your will to God in troubles, necessities, sickness?

7. Have you carefully avoided all kinds of impurity, and faithfully resisted thoughts of infidelity, distrust, presumption?

II.—IN RELATION TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.

1. Have you disobeyed your superiors, murmured against their commands, or spoken of them contemptuously?

2. Have you been troubled, peevish or impatient when told of your faults, and not corrected them? Have you scorned the good advice of others, or censured their proceedings?

3. Have you offended any one by injurious words or actions, or given way to hatred, jealousy or revenge?

4. Or lessened their reputation by any sort of detraction or in any matter of importance?

5. Have you formed rash judgments or spread any report, true or false, that exposed your neighbor to contempt or made him undervalued?

6. Have you, by carrying stories backward and forward, or otherwise, created discord and misunderstanding between neighbors?

7. Have you been froward or peevish towards any one in your carriage, speech or conversation?

8. Or taken pleasure to vex, mortify or provoke them?

9. Have you mocked or reproached them for their corporal or spiritual imperfections?

10. Have you been excessive in reprehending those under your care, or been wanting in giving them just reproof?

11. Have you borne with their oversights and imperfections, and given them good counsel?

12. Have you been solicitous for such as are under your charge, and provided for their souls and bodies?

III.—IN RELATION TO YOURSELF.

1. Have you been obstinate in following your own will, or in defending your own opinion in things either indifferent, dangerous or scandalous?

2. Have you taken pleasure in hearing yourself praised, or acted from motives of vanity or human respect?

3. Have you indulged yourself in too much ease and sloth, or anyways yielded to sensuality or impurity?

4. Has your conversation been edifying and moderate, or have you been froward, proud, or troublesome to others?

5. Have you spent over-much time in recreation or useless employments, and thereby omitted or put off your devotions to unseasonable times?

6. Have you yielded to intemperance, rage, impatience or jealousy?

An Act of Contrition.

O Lord Jesus Christ, lover of our souls, who, for the great love wherewith thou hast loved us, wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; I grieve from the bottom of my heart that I have offended thee, my

most loving Father and Redeemer, unto whom all sin is infinitely displeasing ; who hast so loved me that thou didst shed thy blood for me and endure the bitter torments of a most cruel death. O my God ! O infinite Goodness ! would that I had never offended thee. Pardon me, O Lord Jesus, most humbly imploring thy mercy. Have pity upon a sinner for whom thy blood pleads before the face of the Father.

O most merciful and forgiving Lord, for the love of thee I forgive all who have ever offended me. I firmly resolve to forsake and flee from all sins, and to avoid the occasions of them ; and to confess, in bitterness of spirit, all those sins which I have committed against thy divine goodness, and to love thee, O my God, for thine own sake, above all things and for ever. Grant me grace so to do, O most gracious Lord Jesus.

Aspirations before or after Confession.

My Lord and my God, I sincerely acknowledge myself a vile and wretched sinner, unworthy to appear in thy presence, but do thou have mercy on me and save me.

Most loving Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am unworthy to be called thy child; make me as one of thy servants, and may I for the future be ever faithful to thee.

It truly grieves me, O my God, to have sinned, and so many times transgressed thy law; but wash me now from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. O loving Father, assist me by thy grace, that I may bring forth worthy fruits of penance.

Oh! that I had never transgressed thy commandments. Oh! that I had never sinned. Happy those souls who have preserved their innocence! Oh! that I had been so happy.

But now I am resolved, with the help of thy grace, to be more watchful over myself, to amend my failings, and fulfill thy law. Look down on me with the eyes of mercy, O God, and blot out my sins.

Forgive me what is past, and through thine infinite goodness secure me, by thy grace, against all my wonted failings for the time to come.

Thou didst come, O dear Redeemer, not to call the just, but sinners to repentance. Behold a miserable sinner here before thee! Oh! draw me powerfully to thyself.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities. Sprinkle me with thy precious blood and I shall be whiter than snow.

How great is thy goodness, O Lord, in having so long spared such a worthless

servant, and waited with so much patience for his amendment! What return shall I make for thy infinite mercies? Oh! let this mercy be added to the rest, that I may never more offend thee. This single favor I earnestly beg of thee, O Lord, viz: that I may for the future *renounce my own way to follow thine*.

Help me, O Lord my God, and have compassion on my sinful soul. Amen.

Prayer after Confession.

O Almighty and most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, hast vouchsafed once more to receive thy prodigal child, after so many times going astray from thee, and to admit me to this sacrament of reconciliation; I give thee thanks with all the powers of my soul for this and all other mercies, graces and blessings bestowed on me, and prostrating myself at thy sacred feet, I offer myself to be henceforth for

ever thine. Oh! let nothing in life or death ever separate me from thee! I renounce with my whole soul all my treasons against thee, and all the abominations and sins of my past life. I renew my promises made in baptism, and from this moment I dedicate myself eternally to thy love and service. Oh! grant that for the time to come I may abhor sin more than death itself, and avoid all such occasions and companies as have unhappily brought me to it. This I resolve to do, by the aid of thy divine grace, without which I can do nothing. I beg thy blessing upon these my resolutions, that they may not be ineffectual, like so many others I have formerly made; for, O Lord, without thee I am nothing but misery and sin. Supply also, by thy mercy, whatever defects have been in this my confession, and give me grace to be now and always a true penitent. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.

DEVOTIONS FOR COMMUNION.

Direct your Intention.

Lord Jesus, King of everlasting glory, behold I desire to come to thee this day, and to receive thy body and blood in this heavenly sacrament, for thy honor and glory, and the good of my soul. I desire to receive thee, because it is thy desire, and thou hast so ordained ; blessed be thy name for ever ! I desire to come to thee like Magdalene, that I may be delivered from all my evils, and embrace thee, my only good. I desire to come to thee, that I may be happily united to thee, that I may henceforth abide in thee and thou in me, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate me from thee.

Commemorate the Passion of Christ.

I desire, in these holy mysteries, to commemorate, as thou hast commanded,

all thy sufferings, thy agony and bloody sweat, thy being betrayed and apprehended; all the reproaches and calumnies, all the scoffs and affronts, all the blows and buffets, thou hast endured for me; thy being scourged, crowned with thorns and loaded with a heavy cross for my sins, and for those of the whole world; thy crucifixion and death, together with thy glorious resurrection and triumphant ascension. I adore thee and give thee thanks for all that thou hast done and suffered for us, and for giving us, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, this pledge of our redemption, this victim of our ransom, this body and blood which was offered for us.

Make an Act of Faith.

I most firmly believe, O Jesus, that in this Holy Sacrament thou art present verily and indeed; that here is thy body and blood, thy soul and thy divinity. I

believe that thou, my Saviour, true God and true Man, art really here with all thy treasures; that here thou communicatest thyself to us, makest us partakers of the fruit of thy Passion, and givest us a pledge of eternal life. I believe there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive thee worthily, nor a greater misery than to receive thee unworthily. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what thou hast taught us by thy Church

Make an Act of Contrition.

O Lord, I detest, with my whole heart, all the sins by which I have offended thy divine Majesty from the first moment that I was capable of sinning to this very hour. I desire to lay them all at thy feet, to be cancelled by thy precious blood. Hear me, O Lord, by that infinite love by which thou hast shed thy blood for me. Oh, let not that blood be shed in vain! I detest my sins, because they have offended thy

infinite goodness. By thy grace I will never commit them any more. I am sorry for them, and will be sorry for them as long as I live; and, according to the best of my power, will do penance for them. Forgive me, dear Lord, for thy mercy's sake; pardon me all that is past, and be thou my keeper for the time to come, that I may never more offend thee.

Make an Act of Divine Love.

O Lord Jesus, the God of my heart and the life of my soul, as the hart pants after the fountains of water, so does my soul pant after thee, the fountain of life and the ocean of all good. I am overjoyed at hearing the happy tidings that I am to go into the house of the Lord, or rather that our Lord is to come into my house and take up his abode with me. O happy moments when I shall be admitted to the embraces of the living God, for whom my soul languishes with love! Come, Lord

Jesus, and take full possession of my heart for ever! I offer it to thee without reserve; I desire to consecrate it eternally to thee. I love thee with my whole soul above all things; at least I desire so to love thee. It is nothing less than infinite love that brings thee to me. Oh, teach me to make a suitable return of love!

Humbly beg God's Grace.

But, O my God, thou knowest my great poverty and misery, and that of myself I can do nothing; thou knowest how unworthy I am of this infinite favor, and thou alone canst make me worthy. Since thou art so good as to invite me thus to thyself, add this one bounty more to all the rest—to prepare me for thyself. Cleanse my soul from its stains, clothe it with the nuptial garment of charity, adorn it with all virtues, and make it a fit abode for thee. Drive sin and the devil far from this dwelling, which thou art here pleased

to choose for thyself, and make me one according to thy own heart; that this heavenly visit, which thou designest for my salvation, may not, by my unworthiness, be perverted to my own damnation. Never let me be guilty of thy body and blood by an unworthy communion. For the sake of this same precious blood, which thou hast shed for me, deliver me, O Jesus, from so great an evil.

*Implore the Prayers of the Blessed Virgin
and of the Saints.*

O all ye blessed angels and saints of God, who see him face to face whom I here receive under these humble veils, and thou most especially, ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of this same God and Saviour, in whose sacred womb he was conceived and borne for nine months, I most humbly beg the assistance of your prayers and intercession, that I may in such manner receive him here, in this place of banishment, as

to be brought one day to enjoy him with you in our true country, there to praise him and love him for ever.

Aspirations after Communion.

Behold, O Lord, I have thee now, who hast all things! I possess thee, who possessest all things, and who canst do all things. Take off my heart, then, O my God and my all, from all other things but thee, for in them there is nothing but vanity and affliction of spirit. Let my heart be fixed on thee alone; let me ever repose in thee, for in thee is my treasure, in thee is the sovereign truth, true happiness, and a blessed eternity.

Let my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of thy presence. Let me taste how sweet thou art, O Lord! that, being allured by thy love, I may never more run after worldly pleasures; for thou art the joy of my heart and my portion for ever.

Thou art the Physician of my soul, who

healest all our infirmities by thy sacred blood. I am that sick man whom thou camest from heaven to heal. Oh! heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

Thou art the good Shepherd, who hast laid down thy life for thy sheep; behold, I am that sheep that was lost, and yet thou vouchsafest to feed me with thy body and blood: take me now upon thy shoulders, to carry me home. What canst thou deny me, who hast given me thyself? Guide thou me, and I shall want nothing in the place of pasture where thou hast put me, until thou bringest me to the happy pastures of eternal life.

O true light, which enlightenest every man that cometh into this world, enlighten my eyes that I may never sleep in death.

O King of heaven and earth, rich in mercy, behold I am poor and needy! Thou knowest what I stand most in need of; thou alone can assist and enrich me. Help me, O God, and out of the treasures of thy bounty succor my needy soul.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, who takest away the sins of the world. Oh ! take away from me whatever may hurt me and displease thee, and give me what thou knowest to be pleasing to thee and profitable to myself.

O my God and my all, may the sweet flame of thy love consume my soul, that so I may die to the world for the love of thee, who hast vouchsafed to die upon the cross for the love of me.

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O Lord Jesus Christ, my Creator and my Redeemer, my God and my all, whence is this to me, that my Lord, and so great a Lord, whom heaven and earth cannot contain, should come into this poor dwelling, this house of clay of my earthly habitation ? Bow down thyself with all thy powers, O my soul, to adore the sovereign Majesty which hath vouchsafed to come to visit thee ; pay him the best homage

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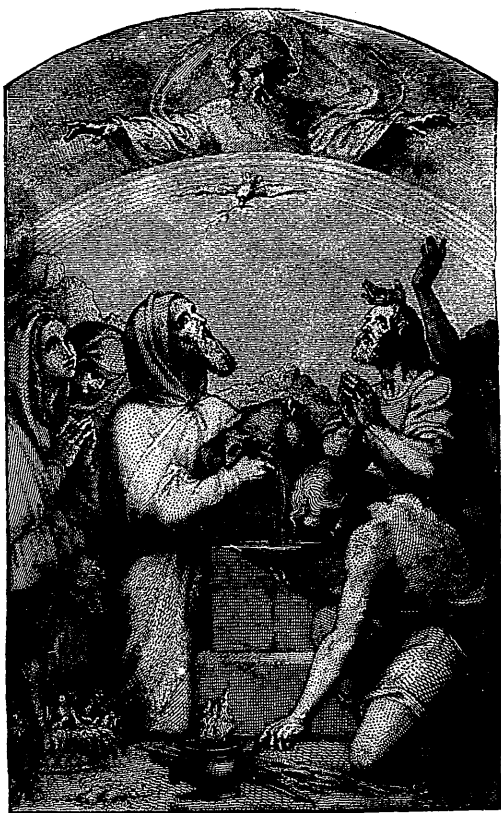
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THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

[These Psalms should be said on fasting days and other penitential times.]

Anthem.

Remember not, O Lord! our offenses, nor those of our parents, and take not revenge on our sins.

Psalm vi. Domine, ne in furore.

O Lord! rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath. Have mercy on me, O Lord! for I am weak; heal me, O Lord! for all my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly; but thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn to me, O Lord! and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercy's sake!

For there is no one in death, that is

mindful of thee; and who shall confess to thee in hell?

I have labored in my groanings; every night I will wash my bed; I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation; I have grown old among all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and very much troubled; let them be turned back and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm xxxi. Beati quorum.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent, my bones grew old ; whilst I cried all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me ; I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sin to thee, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said, I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord ; and thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this, shall every one that is holy pray to thee in a seasonable time.

Yet in the deluge of many waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me ; my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way in which thou shalt go ; I will fix my eyes upon thee.

Do not become as the horse and mule,
that have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their
jaws, who come not near unto thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner,
but mercy shall encompass him that
hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice ye
just! and glory all ye right of heart!

Glory, etc.

Psalm xxxvii. Domine, ne in furore.

Rebuke me not, O Lord! in thy in-
dignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

For thy arrows are fastened in me, and
thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because
of thy wrath; there is no peace for my
bones, because of my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over my
head; and as a heavy burden are be-
coming heavy upon me.

My sores are putrified and corrupted,
because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end : I walked sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusion ; and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly ; I roared with the groaning of my heart.

O Lord ! all my desire is before thee, and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me ; and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have drawn near and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off ; and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not ; and was as a dumb man, not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not, and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in thee, O Lord! have I hoped; thou wilt hear me, O Lord! my God!

For I said, lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me; and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges; and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity; and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I; and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord! my God! do not thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord! the God of my salvation!

Glory, etc.

Psalm i. Misereere.

Have mercy on me, O God! according to thy great mercy.

And, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee, that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold! I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold! thou hast loved truth; the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness ; and the bones, that are humbled, shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God ! and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face, and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways ; and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God ! thou God of my salvation, and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord ! thou wilt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I could indeed have given it : with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit; a contrite and humbled heart, O God! thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord! in thy good will with Sion, that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt offerings; then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Glory, etc.

Psalm ci. Domine, exaudi.

Hear, O Lord! my prayer, and let my cry come to thee.

Turn not away thy face from me; in the day when I am in trouble, incline thine ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke; and my bones are grown dry as fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered, because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness; I am like a night raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow, all alone on the housetop.

All the day long my enemies reproached me, and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thy anger and indignation, for having lifted me up, thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord! endurest forever; and thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion; for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants, and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord! and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion; and he shall be seen in his glory.

He hath had regard to the prayers of the humble; and he hath not despised their petition. Let these things be written unto another generation; and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary; from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters; that he might release the children of the slain.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion, and his praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assemble together, and kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength, declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days; thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord! thou foundest the earth; and the heavens are the works of thy hand.

They shall perish, but thou remainest; and all of them shall grow old like a garment.

And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed; but thou art always the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

The children of thy servants shall continue; and their seed shall be directed forever.

Glory, etc.

Psalm cxxix. De Profundis.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord! Lord! hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my petition.

If thou, O Lord ! wilt mark iniquities, Lord ! who shall stand it ?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness : and by reason of thy law I have waited for thee, O Lord !

My soul hath relied on his word : my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory, etc.

Psalm cxlii. Domine exaudi.

Hear, O Lord ! my prayer ; give ear to my supplication in thy truth ; hear me in thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant ; for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me dwell in darkness, as those that have been dead of old; and my spirit is in anguish within me, my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old; I meditated on all thy works; I meditated on the works of thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to thee; my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord! my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee I have hoped.

Make the way known to me wherein I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

to thee have I fled ; teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land, for thy name's sake. O Lord ! thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble ; and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am thy servant.

Glory, etc.

Anthem.

Remember not, O Lord ! our offenses, nor those of our parents, and take not revenge on our sins.

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS.

Lord! have mercy on us.

Christ! have mercy on us.

Lord! have mercy on us.

Christ! hear us; Christ! graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven! have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world! have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost! have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God! have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

All ye holy Orders of blessed Spirits,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. Andrew,

St. James (son of Zeb),

St. John,

St. Thomas,

Pray for us.

St. James (son of Alph),
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,
St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thaddeus,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnaby,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Laurence,
St. Vincent,
St. Fabian and St. Sebastian,
St. John and St. Paul,
St. Cosmas and St. Damian,
St. Gervase and St. Protase,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustin,
St. Jerom,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Bennet,

Pray for us.

St. Bernard,
 St. Dominick,
 St. Francis,
 All ye holy Priests and Levites,
 All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
 St. Mary Magdalen,
 St. Agatha,
 St. Lucy,
 St. Agnes,
 St. Cecily,
 St. Catherine,
 St. Anastatia,

Pray for us.

All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
 All ye men and women, Saints of God, *make intercession for us!*

Be merciful unto us. *Spare us, O Lord!*
 Be merciful unto us. *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

From all evil,
 From all sin,
 From thy wrath,
 From a sudden and unprovided death,
 From the deceits of the devil,
 From anger, hatred and all ill-will,
 From the spirit of fornication,
 From lightning and tempest,
 From everlasting death,
 Through the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
 Through thy coming,
 Through thy nativity,
 Through thy baptism and holy fasting,
 Through thy cross and passion,
 Through thy death and burial,

O Lord! deliver us.

Through thy holy resurrection, *O Lord! deliver us.*
 Through thy admirable ascension, *O Lord! deliver us.*
 Through the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter, *O Lord! deliver us.*

In the day of judgment, *O Lord! deliver us.*

We sinners *do beseech thee to hear us.*

That thou spare us,

That thou pardon us,

That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,

That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy Holy Church,

That thou vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate and all ecclesiastical orders in thy holy religion,

That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy Holy Church,

That thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,

That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,

That thou vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in thy holy service,

That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

That thou render eternal good things to all our benefactors,

That thou deliver our souls, and those of our brethren, kinsfolks and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *we beseech thee to hear us.*

We beseech thee to hear us.

That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us, *we beseech thee to hear us.*

Son of God, *we beseech thee to hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world!
Spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world!
Hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world!
Have mercy on us!

Christ! hear us; Christ! graciously hear us.

Lord! have mercy on us; Christ! have mercy on us;
Lord! have mercy on us.

Our Father, etc.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Psalm lxxix.

O God! come to my assistance; O Lord,
make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed
that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward and
blush for shame that desire evils to me.

Let them be presently turned away
blushing for shame that say to me: 'Tis
well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek thee rejoice and be

glad in thee, and let such as love thy salvation say always: The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor; O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

V. Save thy servants.

R. Trusting in thee, O my God.

V. Be unto us, O God, a tower of strength.

R. From the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us.

R. Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt us.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

R. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our chief Bishop,
N. N.

R. Our Lord preserve him and give

him life, and make him blessed upon earth and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all those who have done us good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine on them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren.

R. O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God! whose property is always to show mercy and to forgive, receive our

petitions, that we and all thy servants who are bound by the chains of sin may, by the compassion of thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

Hear, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers of thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to thee; that in thy bounty thou mayest give us pardon and peace.

Out of thy clemency, O Lord, show thy unspeakable mercy to us, that so thou mayest acquit us of our sins and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for them.

O God! who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people making supplications to thee, and turn away the scourges of thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O Almighty and eternal God! have mercy on thy servant N., our chief Bishop, and direct him according to thy clemency

into the way of everlasting salvation ; that by thy grace he may desire those things that are agreeable to thee, and perform them with all his strength.

O God, from whom proceed holy desires, right counsels and just works, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that our hearts may be disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of enemies being removed, the times, through thy protection, may be peaceable.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of thy holy Spirit, that we may serve thee with a chaste body and please thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

Direct, we beseech thee, O Lord, our

actions by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from thee and by thee be happily ended.

O Almighty and eternal God ! who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all whom thou knowest shall be thine by faith and good works, we humbly beseech thee that they for whom we have determined to offer up our prayers, whether this world still detains them in the flesh, or the world to come hath already received them out of their bodies, may, by the clemency of thy goodness, all thy saints interceding for them, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth one God with thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

V. O Lord ! hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. May the Almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.



MASS FOR THE DEAD.

At the Beginning of Mass.

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that tremendous day when the heavens and the earth shall be shaken, when thou shalt come to judge the world with fire. Seized am I with trembling, and I fear for that approaching trial, and that wrath to come. O! that day, that day of wrath, of calamity and misery, that great and bitter day indeed, when thou shalt come to judge the world with fire.

Eternal rest give them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The Confiteor.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, etc.

[As in the other Mass. Pray, then, for pardon, thus:]

May God have mercy on me, forgive my sins, and lead me to eternal life! May the almighty and merciful God grant me the pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins.

The Introit.

[When the priest mounts the steps of the altar, imagine you hear the poor souls in purgatory repeating the following verses, as if to implore your prayers:]

Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you, my friends, because the hand of the Lord hath touched me. My flesh is consumed, my bone hath cleaved to my skin, and nothing but lips are left about my teeth. Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you, my friends. (Job, xix. 21.) [*Then pray.*] Eternal rest give them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison.

[Repeat each three times.]

Lord, have mercy on them !

Christ, have mercy on them !

Lord, have mercy on them !

The Collect.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired, who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

The Epistle.

In those days, the most valiant Judas, having made a gathering, sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem, for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection. (For if he

had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead.) And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them. It is, therefore, a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.—2 Mach. xii.

(*Gradual.*)—Grant to them eternal rest, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine on them. The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.—Ps. cxi.

(*Tract.*)—Release, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from the bonds of their sins; and, by the assistance of thy grace, may they escape the sentence of condemnation, and enjoy the bliss of eternal light.

[Here, sometimes, is said the following hymn. When you perceive it is not said at the altar, you may pass it over also, and go on to the Gospel:]

Dies Iræ.

Nigher still, and still more nigh,
Draws the Day of Prophecy,
Doom'd to melt the earth and sky.

Oh, what trembling there shall be
When the world its Judge shall see,
Coming in dread Majesty!

Hark, the trump, with thrilling tone,
From sepulchral regions lone,
Summons all before the throne.

Time and Death it doth appall
To see the buried ages all
Rise to answer at the call.

Now the books are open spread;
Now the writing must be read,
Which condemns the quick and dead.

Now, before the Judge severe,
Hidden things must all appear;
Naught can pass unpunish'd here.

What, shall guilty I then plead?
Who for me will intercede,
When the saints shall comfort need?

King of dreadful Majesty!
Who dost freely justify,
Fount of pity, save thou me!

Recollect, O Love divine,
'Twas for this lost sheep of thine
Thou thy glory didst resign.

Satest wearied seeking me,
Sufferedst upon the Tree;
Let not vain thy labor be.

Judge of Justice, hear my prayer!
Spare me, Lord, in mercy spare!
Ere the Reckoning-day appear.

Lo! thy gracious face I seek!
Shame and grief are on my cheek;
Sighs and tears my sorrows speak.

Thou didst Mary's guilt forgive,
Didst the dying thief receive;
Hence doth hope within me live.

Worthless are my prayers, I know,
Yet, O cause me not to go
Into everlasting woe.

Sever'd from the guilty band,
Make me with thy sheep to stand,
Placing me on thy right hand.

When the cursed in anguish flee
Into flames of misery,
With the Blest then call thou me.

Suppliant in the dust I lie,
My heart a cinder, crush'd and dry;
Help me, Lord, when death is nigh.

Full of tears, and full of dread,
Is the day that wakes the dead,
Calling all, with solemn blast,

From the ashes of the past.
Lord of mercy! Jesus blest!
Grant the Faithful light and rest.

The Gospel.

At that time, Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews: Amen, amen, I say unto you that the hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son also to have life in himself; and he hath given him power to do judgment, because he is the Son of man. Wonder not at this, for the hour cometh wherein all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that have done good shall come forth unto the resurrection of life; but they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.—St. John v.

The Offertory.

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of Glory! deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the flames of hell, and from the deep pit. Deliver them from the lion's mouth, lest hell swallow them, lest they fall into darkness; and let thy standard-bearer, St. Michael, bring them into the holy light, which thou hast promised of old to Abraham and his posterity. We offer thee, O Lord, a sacrifice of praise and of prayer; accept it on behalf of the souls we commemorate this day, and let them pass from death to life.

[Here make an offering, also, of your own death and sufferings in union with the Holy Sacrifice, thus:]

O my God, I offer thee, also, the hour of my death, and all the pains I am destined to suffer from this moment until my last breath. Give me strength to bear them with perfect conformity to thy will. I cheerfully offer thee, more-

over, all the pains which thou shalt prepare for me in purgatory. It is just that the fire should punish in me all the insults I have offered to thee. O holy prison, when shall I find myself shut up in thee, secure of never again being able to lose my God? O holy fire, when wilt thou purify me from so many stains, and render me worthy to enter the land of bliss? I offer all these pains to thy glory, uniting them with the bitter pains of Jesus's passion. Eternal Father! I sacrifice to thee my life, and my whole being. I entreat thee to accept this my sacrifice, in union with and through the merits of this great sacrifice of Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen.

Almighty God, who art the guardian of souls, the safeguard of salvation, and the confidence of all believers, look mercifully down upon us, and, through the merits of thy dear Son, whose sacred

body we offer in this sacrifice, bless the graves of our departed friends, that those mortal bodies which there repose, after the course of this life is ended, may, with their happy souls at the great judgment day, be found worthy to participate in the rewards of eternal life.

Enter not, O Lord, into judgment with these thy servants, for with thee shall no man be justified except, through thee, the remission of all his sins shall be accorded. We beseech thee, therefore, let not the sentence of thy justice lie heavy upon those whom the earnest prayer of Christian faith recommends to thee; but rather, by the succor of thy grace, may they be found worthy to escape the avenging judgment who were signed with the seal of the Holy Trinity while they lived.

Graciously regard, O Lord, these gifts which we offer thee for the souls of the faithful departed, that, by celestial rem-

edies made pure, they may repose in thy compassionate mercy. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

[When the priest, turning towards the people, says Orate Fratres, Pray, my Brethren, answer:]

May the Lord receive this sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy name, for the salvation of our souls, and for the repose of the faithful departed.

The Secret.

Look favorably down, O Lord, we beseech thee, upon this sacrifice which we offer for the souls of thy departed servants, that as thou wast pleased to bestow on them the merit of Christian faith, thou mayest also grant them its reward, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Preface.

It is truly meet and right, just and salutary, that we should always and everywhere give thanks to thee, O Holy

Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Christ our Lord, who, by dying, hath destroyed death for us, and, rising again, hath renewed our life; and who hath left us this tremendous sacrifice as a propitiation for our sins, and for the sins of the faithful departed. Mercifully grant, therefore, that they for whom it is offered this day may speedily be released from all their sufferings, and find eternal rest and perpetual light with thee in Paradise; that there we, with them, may praise and celebrate thy Majesty, in company with all the angels and archangels, the celestial powers, the blessed seraphs, and the whole host of heaven, who chant thy glory, evermore repeating: HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! is the Lord God of Armies! the heavens and the earth are full of thy glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

The Canon.

We therefore suppliantly beseech thee, O Father of mercies, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, graciously to accept and bless this holy sacrifice which we offer thee; for the peace and prosperity of the Holy Catholic Church, for thy servant, our Father, Pope N., for our bishops and clergy, and for all thy faithful Catholic people; for the living that they may prepare for death, and for the dead that they may obtain eternal rest.

Memento of the Living.

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy servants, N. and N. [*here pause and recommend to God any living friend for whom you feel urged to pray during this Mass*], and of all those friends who are very near and very dear to me, and of all those who have asked for or desire my prayers, or for whom I ought especially to pray; and so direct and strengthen them by thy holy

grace during life that, at the hour of their death, the enemy may not prevail against them. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Almighty and merciful God! who hast bestowed on the human race both the means of salvation and the gift of eternal life, look graciously upon us thy servants, and cherish these souls which thou hast created, that, in the hour of our departure, being free from the stain of sin, we may merit to be borne upwards by the hands of the holy angels to thee, our Creator.

Accept, O Lord, we beseech thee, this Sacrifice, which we offer thee for the souls of the faithful departed, and grant to us, also, who still remain, the grace of a happy death, that by it, being purged of all our faults, we, who in this life are afflicted by the scourges of thy dispensation, may receive our eternal rest in the life to come.

[When the first sound of the bell announces that the priest is about to commence the Consecration, say:]

O God, may this offering be blessed, and in every way acceptable and agreeable to thee: and for our salvation's sake and for the comfort of departed souls, be changed into the Body and Blood of thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Consecration.

[At the Elevation of the Sacred Host, profoundly bowing, say:]

Hail! true Body of Jesus Christ, my Saviour! O bless and sanctify my soul! [*Then add:*] Give them eternal rest, O Lord.

[At the Elevation of the Chalice, say:]

Hail! true blood of Jesus, my Redeemer! O wash me pure from all my sins! [*Then add:*] Give them eternal rest, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

After the Consecration.

Commemorating, therefore, O Lord, the blessed passion of Jesus Christ thy Son

our Lord, his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven, we offer before the throne of thy most excellent Majesty, in behalf of these departed souls whom thy justice still detains in the pains of temporal punishment, this most holy, pure and unspotted victim, the holy Bread of eternal life, and the chalice of everlasting salvation.

A Special Memento of the Dead.

Be mindful especially, O Lord, of thy servants N. and N., who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace. [*Here make mention of those departed friends whom you wish in particular to recommend to the divine mercy.*] To these and to all who sleep in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, to thy servants departed, that they may not receive a return of

punishment for their deeds, who in desire were observers of thy will; and that as here true faith has joined them to the company of thy faithful, so there thy mercy may associate them to the choir of angels.

O God, whose attribute it is always to show mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech thee for the souls of thy faithful servants whom thou hast called out of this world, that thou wouldst not deliver them into the hands of the enemy, nor forget them until the end, but command them to be received by the holy angels, and so be led to Paradise, their true country; that as they have believed and hoped in thee, they may not suffer the pains of hell, but possess everlasting joys.

O God, the light of faithful souls, be present to our supplications, and grant to all thy servants and 'handmaids whose bodies rest in Christ a seat of refreshment, a blissful rest and the light of glory.

We humbly pour our prayers to thee, O Lord, for these thy servants, beseeching thee that whatever guilt they may have contracted through human frailty, thou wilt mercifully pardon, and place them in the seat of those happy souls whom thou hast redeemed: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To us, also, sinners though we are, yet thy servants, and trusting in the multitude of thy mercies, deign to grant some part and fellowship with all thy saints. Into their company we beseech thee graciously to admit us, not weighing our merits but thy mercy: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pater Noster.

[Repeat with the priest, Our Father, who art in Heaven, etc.; and then offer the following petition:]

Deliver, O Lord, I beseech thee, the souls of thy servants from all sorrow and suffering, and bring them to the participation of thy heavenly joys; and through

the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever Virgin Mother of God, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul and Andrew, and of all the saints, mercifully grant to me also the pardon of my sins, grace to the remnant of my days, and peace in the hour of my death, that so, through the help of thy mercy, in the awful hour of judgment I may stand before the face of my accusing enemy without alarm: through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Agnus Dei.

[At the Agnus Dei, pray thus:]

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world! *grant them rest.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world! *grant them rest.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world! *grant them eternal rest.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who, according to thy Father's will

and by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast given life to the world through thine own death, deliver me by this, thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; make me cling to thy commandments always, and never let me be separated from thee.

O Almighty and Merciful God! I beseech thee, may all these sacraments in which it is our privilege to participate be the means of our purification, and grant that this, thy sacrifice, may not be to us a ground of accusation for our punishment, but a salutary intercession for our pardon; may it serve for the washing away of our guilt, for the strengthening of our frailty, and for a support against all the dangers of the world, and to all thy faithful people, whether living or dead, for the remission of all their sins: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Communion.

[At the signal given by the little bell, when the priest, before receiving the Sacred Host, strikes his breast three times, do the same, and say each time:]

Lord! I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof, but only speak the word and my soul shall be healed.

[Here you may make the Spiritual Communion, uniting yourself in desire with the communion of the priest. After which recite the following prayer of the Church:]

To Almighty God, O dear departed brethren, we now commend you. May the bright company of the angels come to seek you; may the senate of the Apostles come to greet you; may the triumphant army of the glorious martyrs come to meet you, the glittering throng of confessors encompass you with their lilies in their hands, the choir of virgins receive you with songs of joy, and a happy rest embrace you on the bosoms of the patriarchs. May Jesus Christ appear to you

with a mild and cheerful smile, and give you a place in his presence forever. May you be far removed from the horrible darkness, the hissing flames, the agonizing torments. May Christ, who was crucified for you, deliver you from your pains. May Christ, the Son of the Living God, place you in the ever green and pleasant pastures of Paradise, and may he, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you among his flock. May he absolve you from all your sins, and place you at his right hand in the inheritance of his elect. May you see your Redeemer face to face, and always in his presence, with the happy company of the blessed, enjoy the sweetness of the vision of God for evermore. Amen.

The Last Gospel.

[For the last Gospel, read what follows:]

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and in the last day I shall rise out of the earth: and I shall be clothed again with my skin, and in my flesh I shall see my God:

whom I myself shall see and my eyes shall behold, and not another. This my hope is laid up for me in my bosom. (Job xix, 25.) I am the Resurrection and the Life : he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live ; and every one that liveth and believeth in me shall not die forever. (St. John xi, 25.) And I heard a voice saying unto me : Write, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ; from henceforth now, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow them. (Apoc. xiv, 13.)

R. Thanks be to God.

[Finally recommend yourselves to the souls in purgatory, and say :]

Blessed souls, I have prayed for you : I now entreat you, who are so dear to God and so secure of never losing him any more, to pray for me, a miserable sinner, that am exposed to sin every day, liable to die every day, and in danger of being damned and of losing God forever.

METHOD OF HEARING MASS

FOR COMMUNION.

[Consider attentively the greatness of the action you are about to perform, and say:]

With the break of day I have blessed and adored the ineffable giver of all good gifts. What is it that he has prepared for me this morning? O holy tabernacle, thou dost enclose the precious bread of the elect! O, shall I be so happy as to have this heavenly food repose upon my lips and nourish my languishing heart? Yes; it is permitted me to aspire after this inexpressible happiness. At the Holy Sacrifice at which I am about to assist I hope that I may be heard and that I may offer up those holy aspirations which the expectation of the eucharistic

manna produces in the heart which strives worthily to receive it. The King of kings, in whose sight the kings of the earth are as nothing, has ordered a great feast, to which I am invited. Jesus will there feed me, and I shall receive within me the spouse of my soul. What an honor! Can there be a greater? Is it possible to appreciate sufficiently such happiness?

At the Beginning of the Mass.

[Strengthen your confidence and beg of God to renew it.]

I come, O Lord, before thy sanctuary to seek the life and nourishment of my soul; but am I sufficiently pure to unite myself to thee? O my God, vouchsafe to manifest to me thy judgments. Thou oughtest not to be received by obdurate sinners; they are unworthy to approach thee.

I reside in thy house, O Lord, dwelling therein by a grace of thy special goodness; nevertheless, I fear lest I should not have proved myself sufficiently.

Have I discerned thy sacred body, or remembered the price of thy precious blood?

My soul, why art thou sad? why dost thou trouble me? Will that God reject me who has given me so many marks of his love, and who desires to make me happy? O no, my God! I hope in thee; thou shalt be my strength. It is thou who dost introduce me to thy tabernacle, calling me there by love, and conducting me by hope. Thou wilt not suffer me to dishonor thee by a sacrilegious communion. Send me from on high, I beseech thee, that wisdom which shall make me feel the dignity of thy sacraments, the beauty of thy law, the majesty of thy presence. O my God, make thy servant worthy to enter into thy sanctuary, and give me the fervor of those blessed souls who reign with thee in heaven.

At the Confiteor.

[Sincerely detest your faults.]

I am humbled, O Lord, at the sight of my sins. I have violated thy holy commandments; I have infringed thy law; all that might tend to make me pleasing to thy divine majesty I have employed so as to render myself guilty; thoughts, words, actions, all that is mine or comes from me, I ought to refer to thy glory, since I am only placed in this world to love and obey thee. I have too often failed in submitting to the duties of obedience, and been faithless to those of love. To my shame I acknowledge it; I do not seek to excuse myself; it is my fault; it is through my own fault that I have sinned; my faults have been numerous and I have displeased thee. And how dare I venture to present myself at that precious feast at which angels assist—I who have sinned even in the holy sanctuary wherein the mercy of God has placed me?

Holy Virgin, who wast the temple of the Word made flesh ! illustrious precursor, angel of the desert, who didst prepare the way of the Lord ! ye faithful disciples, who received him with so much faith in this mysterious supper, unite your prayers with mine, intercede for me. You will be heard, and the anger of God will be turned aside from me.

At the Kyrie Eleison.

[Earnestly beg pardon of God.]

O Lord, if thou closely observest all my iniquities, I cannot exist in thy sight, nor presume on an intimate union with thee. Ah, my God, I am nothing but a vile mixture of error, weakness and infirmity, and if thou dost not look on me with the eyes of compassion, I shall be crushed by a single glance of thy justice.

O Lord, have mercy on me ; the happy days of propitiation are not over ; those of wrath and vengeance are delayed. I may

yet invoke thy name and call thee my Father, my Spouse; and those titles are sweet to my soul. I kneel in a temple in which I perceive only marks of thy condescending love; before an altar on which thou descendest only to pour forth thy graces. I implore thy mercy, then, hoping that it will be granted to me. Yes, I will have confidence and approach this throne of mercy, exclaiming from the bottom of my heart, Lord, have mercy on me; my divine Spouse, pardon me; dispel my darkness, so that, as one of the children of light, I may share in the mysterious feast to which thy goodness calls me.

Gloria in Excelsis.

[Render your homage to Jesus, who is about to take possession of your soul.]

I unite my praises to those of the heavenly spirits when they' exclaim, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. O Lord, under the

veils of thy love dost thou not willingly appear on our altars and then in our hearts? What a glory for thy children! what peace for troubled souls! what a consolation for afflicted hearts!

O God, whose justice is satisfied by the perpetual sacrifice of so noble a victim, we praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we love thee. As for myself, O Lord, at the sight of so much generosity on thy part, such majesty and such humiliation, I beseech thee to grant me a new birth, and to work in my heart, whom thou hast chosen to be thy servant, a miracle of grace, that I may never cease to thank thee for the signal favors thou hast granted me, and may increase each day this precious seed of virtue and sanctity. And suffer not, O Lord, that any of those whom thou hast led into retirement, in order to communicate thyself to them more perfectly, should ever make a tepid or unworthy communion. Amen.

At the Epistle.

[Desire to be instructed in the truths of salvation, resolving to conform your conduct thereto.]

The code of thy law is announced to me, O Lord, by thy prophets and apostles before thou visitest me; instruct me by them, O my God. "Keep yourself in fervor of spirit, remembering that it is the Lord whom you serve," says St. Paul; adding elsewhere: "I have espoused you to that only spouse, who is Jesus Christ, in order to present you to him as a most pure virgin." I unite myself, O my God, to the faith, the hopes, the desires of the patriarchs, the prophets, and all those who have believed and hoped in thee. I believe on the testimony of thy Church that thou didst thyself inspire all the holy books of Scripture. Give me the grace, O Lord, always to have a great veneration for thy Holy Word, never to profane its words, nor alter the sense, or subject the interpretation of them to my

own particular fancy. I am a child of the Church, and in this character I desire to love and observe thy law.

At the Gospel.

[Desire to attain full perfection of the evangelical precepts.]

Suffer me to hear thy voice, O Lord; thou art the beloved of my soul; thou hast the words of eternal life. Oh, let them shed both sweetness and peace over the hearts which belong to thee. Speak to me, O Lord; I am thy servant, thy child, thy spouse. What wouldst thou have me to do? Can I refuse anything to thee, my God, who lovest me so tenderly, and who, in giving thyself to me, sufferest me to expect everything from thy hands?

I tremble, my God, at the warnings, and am consoled by the promises thou hast thyself held out in thy holy gospel, for they are emanations of thy divine

wisdom. I wish to adopt, embrace and practice the maxims of thy gospel, because in following them I shall please thee, O Jesus, the God of my heart, whom I am about to receive. Hasten, O Lord, to imprint in me these heavenly truths, for they carry with them the weight of thy authority, the light of thy wisdom. Let this light lead my steps in the paths of all justice. O holy laws! sublime and salutary maxims! alas, I have a thousand times neglected you; but the God of truth, in uniting himself to me, will grant me the grace to comprehend, and strength to practice you.

Credo.

[Make your profession of faith.]

O my God, I believe all that thou teachest by thy Church, to whom thou hast promised infallibility. I believe all the articles of the Creed, for thou canst neither deceive nor be deceived. I believe that thou renewest in the sacra-

ment of thy love the mysteries which thou revealest in thy holy gospel. I see thee in thy hidden life, beholding thee forgotten, abandoned daily, as thou wert forsaken on the cross; thou art here, as in thy burial, enclosed in the tabernacle as in the tomb, and here thou renewest, too, the mysteries of thy resurrection. Thou dost nourish us with thine own glorious body, delivering us from the dominion of death. O my God, why should I envy the happiness of those who beheld thee during thy mortal life? for the light of faith discovers to me on the altar all that the apostles saw, all that the ancient kings and prophets so ardently desired.

O my God, grant that I may ever live by faith; may I live in the faith of the Son of God, who has loved me, and who gives himself so frequently to me.

Offertory.

[Present yourself to God, begging of him to effect an entire change in your heart.]

O Jesus, thou art all-powerful, and it is this power which, through the words of thy priest, changes bread into thy body, and wine into thy precious blood. O my good God, do thou work a like change in me, that, no longer of this world, as I have hitherto been, I may become truly spiritual; that I may seek after and relish only the things of God; that grace, virtue and heaven may be in my eyes the only true and solid goods; that, animated by thy sentiments, O my Jesus, I may be transformed into thee, that thou mayest dwell in me, and in all those who participate with me in the blessings of thy love. Almighty God, receive my heart; I unite it to the sacrifice thou makest of thyself; I place it in thy hands; transform and consecrate it. Say only one word, and it shall be entirely

changed for the future, following only the sweet impulse of thy grace, which shall make it love virtue. With this offering of my heart, O my God, I consecrate to thee my mind, that it may know thee; my body, that it may be employed in thy service; my whole self, that so I may one day find myself absorbed in thee.

Lavabo.

[Beg of God to purify your heart.]

Thou dost abhor sin, O my God; how great a purity, then, is necessary in order to approach thee! Why cannot I have the purity of the angels, or of Mary, the most holy of virgins, in order to present myself at thy sacred table? Inflammé my heart, O God, with the bitter tears of a penitent love; purify me in thy blood, O my loving Redeemer; and purify also all those who are consecrated to thee, in order to serve and praise thee always in the shade of thy sanctuary. To each of

us mayest thou say, "This is my beloved, in whom there is no stain."

At the Preface.

[Consider attentively, and reflect on the great mystery about to take place.]

Jesus will shortly visit me. Let him be from this moment and forever in this poor heart of mine. Thy minister bids me forget this earth in order to raise my heart towards heaven; and I behold in spirit, O my God, the angels and saints, who adore, contemplate and love thee, making it their delight to be with thee. O Lord, I am not worthy to raise my voice with the canticles of thy saints; but thou hast permitted me; and beseeching them to second my feeble efforts, I mingle my praises with theirs, saying to thee, with confidence, reverence and love, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven resounds with thy praise, the earth is filled with thy glory. Blessed be Jesus Christ, who comes in the name of the

Lord upon this altar; from this altar he will come to me and incorporate himself with me. Let every creature bless him without ceasing, and receive from his goodness the plenitude of the divine mercy.

At the Canon of the Mass.

[Animate yourself with a holy zeal for the sanctification of souls.]

O my God, increase my devotion, and grant that it may be more fervent than ever at the moment when I am about to receive thee. Graciously hear my prayers. What canst thou refuse to that precious blood of which a single drop is sufficient to save a thousand worlds? O my Redeemer, who art the Saviour of the world, I offer up my prayers to thee for all. Bless thy holy Church, to which thou hast brought me by the grace of baptism [*or, that of my religious profession*]; open to me its precious treasures this day, by giving

me thy body and thy precious blood. Do thou send down thy blessing on our Holy Father and thy prelates, especially the bishop who governs this diocese, and also on thy priests; infuse the spirit of zeal into those whom thou hast called to the holy ministry; maintain in them the purity of the faith, and render thy people docile to their instructions. Have mercy upon the whole world, especially our own country; grant special graces to those whom thou hast charged with the government of others, and favorably regard thy faithful who assist at this holy sacrifice; support the weak, comfort the poor, enlighten the blind, and lead back impenitent sinners. O my God, do thou remember those souls whom thou hast created in thy image, and who have been redeemed by the precious blood of my Saviour. Preserve us all from eternal damnation, and save us by thy mercy. [*If a religious, "I pray to thee un-*

ceasingly for all; but, O my God, thou hast loved us with a special love. Thou hast placed us in this holy asylum consecrated to thee; we are the spouses of thy Son; his precious body the food wherewith we are so often nourished. Oh, be thou mindful of us; grant that we may become so pure as to be of the number of those virgins who follow the Lamb, who will eternally follow him, forever occupied in adoring him, and singing in his honor a canticle of love.”]

At the Elevation.

[Enliven your faith, adore your Lord truly present, and beg of him to apply to you the merits of his blood.]

Thou concealest thyself, O my Saviour, so that we may not be dazzled by the brilliancy of thy glory, veiling thy adorable presence under the appearances of bread and wine. O Jesus, thou art the King of the whole world, the supreme Ruler of the universe, though hidden beneath these

humble elements. I adore thee, O Lord, prostrate before thee who hast created me. Thou art my God and my Saviour; give thyself to me, and nourish my soul in order that it may live forever.

Continuation of the Canon.

[Reflect on the happiness you are about to receive, and pray for the faithful departed.]

O Majesty of my God, the altar is now the throne of thy glory; the heavens are opened, the angels surround thee with reverential love, they make amends for our forgetfulness and indifference. And thou, O Lord, art yet solicitous for my salvation; thou offerest thyself to thy Father as a victim of propitiation for the sins of the living and the dead, and desirest to unite thyself to me. Thou invitest me to open my heart to thee. Oh, how can I have merited thy love? Alas! I have rendered myself unworthy of it by my sins. O my God, look upon

thy beloved Son, and though thou seest in me only the image of sin, there is in him the most perfect sanctity. Thou wilt listen to the voice of his blood, and cure my sick and feeble soul. Grant, O my Saviour, that I may place no obstacle to thy designs over me; that others who shall receive thee may obtain the same grace, so that we may all be filled with the abundance of thy blessings. Be mindful, O Lord, of the souls of the faithful departed; they love thee, they are very dear to thee, and yet thou preventest them from enjoying the glory which awaits them, because they still have sins to expiate. May I, by the communion I am about to make, and the merits of which I beseech thee to apply to them, hasten their deliverance. Mayest thou release them from their place of expiation, and grant them refreshment, light and peace in the abode of happiness and glory.

At the Pater Noster.

[Lay open your necessities with confidence to a God who is the most tender of fathers.]

Our Father, who reignest in heaven, come and reign in my soul, and sanctify it by thy presence; subject it to thy holy will, and render it docile to the inspirations of thy grace. Nourish it now with that mysterious bread which shall appease its hunger and sustain its strength. Extinguish in my heart every sentiment of hatred and revenge, and forgive me as I forgive. Give me wisdom to shun temptations, and strength to avoid them when they are inevitable; and deliver me from the evils which afflict me. O Lord, I hasten to thee as a child to its father, in order to be nourished; as a guilty servant to his master, to be reconciled; as a subject to his king, from whom he seeks protection; as one in affliction to his only resource, in order to be comforted.

At the Agnus Dei.

[Beg of God to endow you with innocence and peace.]

Spotless victim, Lamb of God, who alone canst satisfy the justice of thy offended Father, vouchsafe to make me participate in the merits of thy sacrifice and thy infinite holiness. What lessons of humility, meekness, charity and patience dost thou not give me! Impress these virtues on my soul, so that it may be to thee a pleasant habitation, wherein thou mayest repose in peace.

At the Communion.

[Humble yourself, and awaken in your heart sentiments of fear, hope and love.]

O Lord, how much am I afflicted when I consider thy greatness and my own nothingness, fearing I am unworthy of the favor thou grantest me. I humble myself in thy presence, and place my trust in thee. Inspire me, my God, with love and fervor, that I may be fit to approach worthily to so holy and fearful a mystery.

Say but one word to my soul; and since thou wouldst unite thyself to me, prepare me for so great an honor.

At the Last Gospel.

[Make an act of love and desire.]

O Word made flesh! hidden in order to give thyself to me; thou who art the life and light of the world, manifest to me thy grandeur and beauty; let me be penetrated and filled with confidence, gratitude and love; for to receive this holy sacrament is to receive thee, my God. How deeply should I be penetrated by so great an action! What a happiness and glory! for those who receive thee become the children of God. O Jesus, I am lost in the depth of thine ineffable mysteries, the immense ocean of thy mercies. Oh, bind myself to thee by the bonds of love, the only way in which I can make a return for thy benefits.

After Receiving.

[At this precious moment, when you possess your God corporeally within you, make renewed acts of faith. Speak with a loving confidence to your divine Lord of the great affair of your salvation, which he thinks of more than yourself, and remember that the best thanksgiving you can make is to do nothing, to desire nothing but Jesus, and to live only for him.]

Act of Adoration.

Adorable Majesty of God! before whom all that is great in heaven and on earth is unworthy to appear, what can I do better in thy presence than silently adore thee in the most profound annihilation of my soul? I adore thee, O holy God! I render my just homage to that supreme greatness before which every knee should bend, in comparison of which all power is but weakness, prosperity nothing but misery, and the most brilliant light profound darkness. To thee alone, great God, King of ages, immortal God, to thee alone belongs all honor and glory. Glory, honor, salvation and benediction to him

who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the eternal Son of the Most High, who unites himself so intimately to me, and takes possession of my soul.

Act of Love.

I have, then, the happiness to possess thee, O God of love! Why cannot I worthily respond to so much goodness? Why am I not wholly thine, that I may love thee in proportion to thy infinite mercy? In flame my soul, O my God; burn and consume my heart with thy love. Jesus my beloved is mine; my loving Lord gives himself to me. Angels of heaven, Mother of my God, saints of heaven and earth, lend me your hearts, give me your love, that I may love Jesus worthily. O God of my heart, I love thee with all my soul, for the love of thyself, and with a firm resolution to love none but thee. But do thou, O my God, strengthen these holy resolutions in this heart, which now desires to be entirely thine.

Act of Thanksgiving.

How can I sufficiently thank thee, my God, for the favor thou hast done me this day? Not content to love me, and even to die for me, O God of goodness, thou vouchsafest to come in person to honor me by giving thyself to me. O my soul, give praise to the Lord thy God. Acknowledge his goodness, exalt his magnificence, proclaim eternally his mercy. With a grateful heart I thank thee, O my Saviour, for the grace thou hast bestowed on me. I have been faithless, but let me not be ungrateful. May I always remember that thou hast given thyself to me, and testify throughout my life the infinite obligations I owe to thee, by giving myself wholly to thee.

Petition.

Thou art mine, O inexhaustible source of all good! Thou art full of tenderness for me; thy hands are full of graces, and ready to diffuse them in my heart. O my

God, infinitely good, liberal and magnificent, shed them profusely over me; behold *my* necessities and *thy* power; work in me the change thou seest necessary; take from me all that is displeasing to thee; endow me with those virtues which shall render me pleasing in thy sight; purify my body; sanctify my soul; apply to me the merits of thy life and death; unite thyself to me, chaste Spouse of souls, that I may live by thee and for thee. Adorable Saviour, grant me the graces I stand in need of, and the same to all those for whom I ought to pray, to all whom I have scandalized, and also to the director to whom thou hast confided the care of my soul. My loving Saviour, canst thou refuse me anything after the grace thou hast given me this day in giving me thyself?

Oblations

My beloved is mine, and I am his. Yes, my God, it is done; thou art mine,

and I give myself wholly to thee without reserve. I am thine entirely and forever. I offer thee my understanding, that it may be occupied only in meditating on thy greatness; my memory, that it may unceasingly recall thy benefits; my will, that henceforth it may be wholly conformed to thine. I consecrate to thee my sentiments, my actions, my inclinations. I offer thee my body and its senses, that they may be as so many victims devoted to thy will and service. I offer and consecrate to thee this day, my sweet Saviour, all that I have and am; accept the offering which I thy most guilty and ungrateful creature make thee, henceforth desiring to be more grateful and faithful in thy service.

O holy Virgin Mary, vouchsafe to intercede for me to the Blessed Trinity; obtain for me the grace to be faithful to my promises for the remainder of my life.

Prayer for Perseverance.

O my God, most patient and generous of friends, what shall henceforth separate me from thee? I willingly renounce all that has hitherto tended to withdraw me from thee, and trust, with the assistance of thy grace, never again to fall into my past faults. O my God, let me never more yield to thoughts, desires, words or actions which may be in the slightest degree contrary to modesty or charity. Let there be in me no more impatience, murmurings or untruthfulness; no more omissions in my duties or tepidity in thy service; no more unholy friendships, or attachment to my own opinion and my own convenience; no more sensitiveness as to the contempt of the world, or yielding to human respect; no more inordinate love for the esteem of others. Thou hast taken possession of my heart, O my Jesus; I make these resolutions in thy presence, in order that thou mayest confirm them,

and that they may be sealed by thy adorable sacrament which I have received, so that I may never violate them. Strengthen, then, O Jesus, spouse of my soul, the desire I have to be only thine. Amen.

NOTE.—For “Prayer to Jesus Crucified” and for the “Invocation anima Christi” see pages 301 and 302.



VESPERS

FOR SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS.

[Pater Noster, Ave Maria, in Secret.]

V. Deus, in adiutorium meum intende.

R. Domine ad adjuvandum me festina.

V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluia.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

[From Septuagesima to Palm Sunday, inclusively, is said:]

Laus tibi, Domine, Rex æternæ.

Ant. Dixit Dominus.

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

Ant. The Lord said.

[In Paschal Time, the Psalms are all said under this one Antiphon—Alleluia.]

Psalm cix. Dixit Dominus.

Dixit Dóminus Dómino meo: * Sede a dextris meis:

Donec ponam inimicos tuos: * scabéllum pedum tuórum.

1. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand:

2. Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Virgam virtútis tuæ
emittet Dóminus ex Sion: *
domináre in médio inimi-
córum tuórum.

Tecum principium in die
virtútis tuæ, in splendóri-
bus Sanctórum: * ex útero
ante luciferum génuí te.

Jurávit Dóminus, et non
pœnitébit eum: * Tu es
sacérdos in æternum, se-
cúndum órđinem Melchi-
sedech.

Dóminus a dextris tuis: *
confrégit in die iræ suæ
reges.

Judicábit in natió nibus,
implébit ruinas: * con-
quassábit cápita in terra
multórum.

De torrén te in via bibet; *
proptérea exaltábit caput.

Gloria Patri, etc.

3. The Lord shall send
forth the rod of thy power
from out of Sion: rule
thou in the midst of thine
enemies.

4. Thine shall be the
dominion in the day of
thy power, amid the bright-
ness of the Saints: from
the womb before the day-
star have I begotten thee.

5. The Lord hath sworn,
and will not repent: Thou
art a priest forever accord-
ing to the order of Mel-
chisedec.

6. The Lord upon thy
right hand: hath over-
thrown kings in the day
of his wrath.

7. He shall judge among
the nations, he shall fulfill
destructions: he shall smite
in sunder the heads in the
land of many.

8. He shall drink of the
brook in the way: there-
fore shall he lift up his
head.

Glory be to the Father,
etc.

Ant. Dixit Dóminus
Dómino meo: Sede a dex-
tris meis.

Ant. Fidélia.

Ant. The Lord said to
my Lord: Sit thou at my
right hand.

Ant. Faithful.

Psalm cx. Confitebor tibi.

Confitébor tibi, Dómine,
in toto corde meo: * in
consilio justórum, et con-
gregátione.

Magna ópera Dómini: *
exquisita in omnes volun-
tates ejus.

Conféssio et magnifi-
céntia opus ejus: * et jus-
titia ejus manet in sæcu-
lum sæculi.

Memóriam fecit mirabí-
lium suórum miséricors et
miserátor Dóminus: * es-
cam dedit timéntibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum
testaménti sui: * virtútem
óperum suórum annuntiá-
bit pópulo suo:

Ut det illis hæreditátem
géntium: * ópera mánuum
ejus véritas et judicium.

1. I will praise thee, O
Lord, with my whole heart:
in the assembly of the just,
and in the congregation.

2. Great are the works
of the Lord: sought out are
they unto all his pleasure.

3. His work is his praise
and his honor: and his jus-
tice endureth for ever and
ever.

4. The merciful and
gracious Lord has left a
memorial of his marvellous
works: he has given meat
to them that fear him.

5. He shall ever be mind-
ful of his covenant: he shall
show forth unto his people
the power of his works:

6. That he may give
them the heritage of the
Gentiles: the works of his
hands are judgment and
truth.

Fidélia ómnia mandáta
ejus; confirmáta in sæcū-
lum sæculi: * facta in veri-
táte et æquitáte.

Redemptiõnem misit pó-
pulo suo: * mandávit
in ætérnum testaméntum
suum.

Sanctum et terríbile no-
men ejus: * inítium sapi-
éntiæ timor Dómini.

Intelléctus bonus ómni-
bus faciéntibus eum: *
laudátio ejus manet in
sæculum sæculi.

Glória Patri, etc.

Ant. Fidélia ómnia man-
dáta ejus confirmáta in
sæculum sæculi.

Ant. In mandátis.

Psalm cxi.

Beátus vir qui timet
Dóminum: * in mandátis
ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra crit sc-

7. Faithful are all his
commandments: they stand
fast for ever and ever: they
are done in truth and
equity.

8. He hath sent redemp-
tion unto his people: he
hath commanded his cove-
nant for ever.

9. Holy and terrible is
his name: the fear of the
Lord is the beginning of
wisdom.

10. A good understand-
ing have all they that do
thereafter: his praise en-
dureth for ever and ever.

Glory be to the Father,
etc.

Ant. Faithful are all his
commandments: they stand
fast for ever and ever.

Ant. In his command-
ments.

Beatus vir.

1. Blessed is the man
that feareth the Lord: in
his commandments he shall
have great delight.

2. His seed shall be

men ejus: * generatio recto-
rum benedicatur.

Glória et divitiæ in domo
ejus: * et justitia ejus
manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in ténébris
lumen rectis: * miséricors,
et miserátor, et justus.

Jucundus homo qui misc-
retur et commodat, dis-
ponet sermones suos in
judicio: * quia in æternum
non commovebitur.

In memoria æterna erit
justus: * ab auditióne mala
non timebit.

Paratum cor ejus sperare
in Dómino, confirmatum
est cor ejus: * non com-
movebitur donec despiciat
inimicos suos.

Dispérsit, dedit paupé-
ribus; justitia ejus manet in
sæculum sæculi: * cornu
ejus exaltabitur in glória.

mighty upon earth: the
generation of the righteous
shall he blessed.

3. Glory and riches shall
be in his house: and his
justice endureth for ever
and ever.

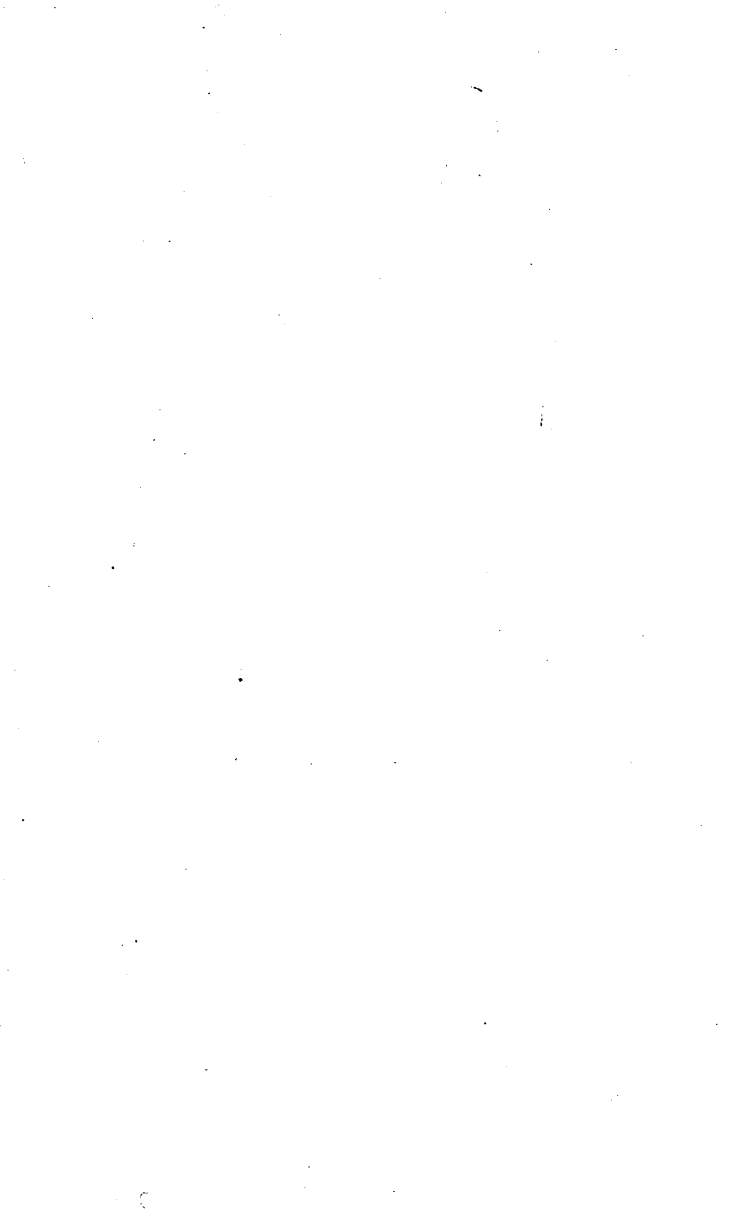
4. Unto the righteous
there has risen up light in
the darkness: he is merci-
ful, compassionate and just.

5. Acceptable is the man
who is merciful, and lend-
eth; he will guide his words
with judgment: he shall
not be moved for ever.

6. The just man shall
be in everlasting remem-
brance: he shall not be
afraid for evil report.

7. His heart is prepared
to hope in the Lord; his
heart is fixed: he shall not
be moved until he look
down upon his enemies.

8. He hath dispersed
abroad, he hath given to
the poor; his justice en-
dureth for ever and ever:
his horn shall be exalted
in glory.





SACRIFICE OF ABRAHAM.

Peccátor vidébit et irascétur; déntibus suis fremet et tabéscet: * desidérium peccatórum períbit.

Glória Patri, etc.

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Ant. Sit nomen Dómini.

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Glory be to the Father, etc.

Ant. In his commandments he hath great delight.

Ant. Blessed be the name.

Psalm cxii. Laudate, pueri.

Laudáte púeri, Dóminum: * laudáte nomen Dómini.

Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum: * ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

A solis ortu usque ad occásum: * laudábile nomen Dómini.

Excélsus super omnes gentes Dóminus: * et super cœlos glória ejus.

Quis sicut Dóminus Deus noster; qui in altis hábi-

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2. Blessed be the name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.

3. From the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same: the name of the Lord is worthy to be praised.

4. The Lord is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwell-



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tat: * et humília réspicit
in cœlo et in terra?

Súscitans a terra íno-
pem: * et de stércore éri-
gens páuperem:

Ut cóllocet eum cum
príncipibus: * cum prin-
cípibus pópuli sui.

Qui habitáre facit stéri-
lem in domo: * matrem
filiórum lætántem.

Glória Patri, etc.

Ant. Sit nomen Dómini
benedíctum in sæcula.

Ant. Nos qui vívimus.

eth on high: and regard-
eth the things that are
lowly in heaven and in
earth?

6. Who raiseth up the
needy from the earth: and
lifteth the poor from off
the dunghill:

7. That he may set him
with the princes: even
with the princes of his
people.

8. Who maketh the bar-
ren woman to dwell in her
house: the joyful mother
of children.

Glory be to the Father,
etc.

Ant. Blessed be the name
of the Lord forever.

Ant. We who live.

Psalm cxiii. In exitu Israel.

Inéxitu Israel de Ægypto:
* domus Jacob de pópulo
bárbaro.

Facta est Judæa sancti-
ficatio ejus: * Israel potés-
tas ejus.

Mare vidit et fugit: *

1. When Israel came out
of Egypt: the house of
Jacob from among a strange
people.

2. Judah was made his
sanctuary: and Israel his
dominion.

3. The sea beheld, and

Jordánis convérsus est retrórsum.

Montes exultavérunt ut arietes: * et colles sicut agni óvium.

Quid est tibi, mare, quod fugísti: * et tu, Jordánis, quia convérsus es retrórsum?

Montes, exultástis sicut arietes: * et colles, sicut agni óvium?

A fácie Dómini mota est terra: * a fácie Deie Jacob.

Qui convértit petram in stagna aquárum: et rupem in fontes aquárum.

Non nobis Dómine, non nobis: * sed nómini tuo da glóriam.

Super misericórdia tua, et veritáte tua: * nequándo dicant gentes, Ubi est Deus córum?

Deus autem noster in cœlo: * ómnia quæcúmque vóluit fecit.

fled: Jordan was turned back.

4. The mountains skipped like rams: and the hills like the lambs of the flock.

5. What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest: and thou, Jordan, that thou wast turned back?

6. Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams: and ye little hills like the lambs of the flock?

7. At the presence of the Lord the earth was moved: at the presence of the God of Jacob.

8. Who turned the rock into a standing water: and the stony hill into a flowing stream.

9. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but unto thy name give the glory.

10. For thy mercy and for thy truth's sake: lest the Gentiles should say, Where is their God?

11. But our God is in heaven: he hath done whatsoever he would.

Simulácula géntium argéntum et aurum: * ópera mánuum hóminum.

Os habent, et non loquéntur: * óculos habent, et non vidébunt.

Aures habent, et non aúdiunt: * nares habent, et non odorábunt.

Manus habent, et non palpábunt: pedes habent, et non ambulábunt: * non clamábunt in gútture suo.

Símiles illis fiant qui faciunt ea: * et omnes qui confidunt in eis.

Domus Israel sperávit in Dómino: * adjútor eórum et protéctor eórum est.

Domus Aaron sperávit in Dómino: adjútor eórum et protéctor eórum est.

Qui timent Dóminum

12. The idols of the Gentiles are silver and gold: the work of the hands of men.

13. They have mouths, and they shall not speak: they have eyes, and they shall not see.

14. They have ears, and they shall not hear: they have noses, and they shall not smell.

15. They have hands, and they shall not feel: they have feet, and they shall not walk: neither shall they speak through their throat.

16. Let those that make them become like unto them: and all such as put their trust in them.

17. The house of Israel hath hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and protector.

18. The house of Aaron hath hoped in the Lord: he is their helper and protector.

19. They that fear the

speravérunt in Dómino: *
adjútor eórum et protéctor
eórum est.

Dóminus memor fuit
nostri: * et benedíxit
nobis.

Benedíxit dómui Israel:
* benedíxit dómui Aaron.

Benedíxit ómnibus qui
timent Dóminum: * pusíl-
lis cum majóribus.

Adjíciat Dóminus super
vos: * super vos, et super
fílios vestros.

Benedícti vos a Dómino:
* qui fecit cœlum et ter-
ram.

Cœlum cœli Dómino: *
terram autem dedit fíliis
hóminum.

Non mórtui laudábunt
te, Dómine: * neque omnes
qui descéndunt in infér-
num.

Sed nos qui vívimus,
benedícimus Dómino: * ex
hoc nunc et usque in sæcu-
lum.

Lord have hoped in the
Lord: he is their helper
and protector.

20. The Lord hath been
mindful of us: and hath
blessed us.

21. He hath blessed the
house of Israel: he hath
blessed the house of Aaron.

22. He hath blessed all
that fear the Lord: the
least together with the
greatest.

23. May the Lord add
blessings upon you: upon
you, and upon your chil-
dren.

24. Blessed be ye of the
Lord: who hath made
heaven and earth.

25. The heaven of heavens
is the Lord's: but the earth
hath he given to the chil-
dren of men.

26. The dead shall not
praise thee, O Lord: neither
all they that go down into
hell.

27. But we who live, bless
the Lord: from this time
forth for evermore.

Glória Patri, etc.

Glory be to the Father,
etc.

Ant. Nos qui vivimus,
benedícimus Dómino.

Ant. We who live, bless
the Lord.

[In Paschal time:—*Ant.* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.]

[Then follow the Little Chapter and the hymn, after which
is said, with its proper Antiphon:]

*The Magnificat, or Canticle of the Blessed
Virgin.*

Magnificat: * ánima mea
Dóminum.

Et exultávit spíritus meus:
* in Deo salutári meo.

Quia respéxit humilitá-
tem ancíllæ suæ: * ecce
enim ex hoc beátam me
dicent omnes generatiónes.

Quia fecit mihi magna
qui potens est: * et sanc-
tum nomen ejus.

Et misericórdia ejus a
progénie in progénies: *
timéntibus cum.

Fecit poténtiam in brá-
chio suo: * dispérsit supér-
bos mente cordis sui.

1. My soul doth mag-
nify: the Lord.

2. And my spirit hath re-
joiced: in God my Saviour.

3. For he hath regarded
the humility of his hand-
maid: for behold from
henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed.

4. For he that is mighty
hath done great things un-
to me: and holy is his name.

5. And his mercy is
from generation to gene-
tion: unto them that
fear him.

6. He hath showed
strength with his arm: he
hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their
heart.

Depósuit potentes de
sede: * et exaltávit hu-
míles.

Esuriéntes implévit bonis:
* et dívites dimísit inánes.

Suscépit Israel púerum
suum: * recordátus miseri-
córdiæ suæ.

Sicut locútus est ad
patres nostros: * Abraham,
et sémini ejus in sæcula.

Glória Patri, etc.

7. He hath put down
the mighty from their
seat: and hath exalted the
humble.

8. He hath filled the
hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent
empty away.

9. He hath upholden his
servant Israel: being mind-
ful of his mercy.

10. As he spake unto our
fathers: to Abraham and
his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father,
etc.

[Here follow the proper Collect, and the Commemorations,
if any.]

V. Benedicámus Dómino.

R. Deo grátias.

V. Fidélium ánimæ per
misericórdiam Dei requi-
éscant in pace.

R. Amen.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. May the souls of the
faithful, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

[If Compline does not follow: after the Pater Noster, which
is said secretly, the following V. is sung:]

V. Dóminus det nobis
suam pacem.

R. Et vitam ætéram.
Amen.

V. May the Lord grant
us his peace.

R. And the life eternal.
Amen.

ANTIPHON

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

[1. From Vespers of Saturday before First Sunday in Advent to the Purification, inclusive :]

Alma Redemptoris Mater,
quæ pervia cœli,
Porta manes, et Stella maris,
succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat, populo:
tu quæ genuisti,
Naturam irante, tuum, sanctum
Genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius,
Gabrielis ab ore,
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum
miserere.

Mother of Christ! hear thou
thy people's cry,
Star of the deep, and Portal
of the sky!
Mother of Him who thee
from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call
to thee for aid:
Oh, by that joy which
Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last,
let us thy mercy see.

[In Advent:]

V. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ.

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

V. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Gratiam tuam, quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris, infunde; ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation

Filii tui incarnationem
cognovimus, per passionem
ejus et crucem ad resurrec-
tionis gloriam perducamur.
Per eundem Christum Do-
minum nostrum.

R. Amen.

[From Christmas day to the Purification :]

V. Post partum virgo
inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei Genitrix, inter-
cede pro nobis.

Oremus.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ,
beatæ Mariæ virginitate
fecunda, humano generi
præmia præstitisti; tribue,
quæsumus, ut ipsam pro
nobis intercedere sentia-
mus, per quam meruimus
auctorem vitæ suscipere,
Dominum nostrum Jesum
Christum Filium tuum.
Qui vivit, etc

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium
maneant semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Pater noster (*secreto*).

of Christ thy Son was made
known by the message of
an angel, may, by his pas-
sion and cross, be brought
to the glory of his resur-
rection. Through the same
Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. After child-birth
thou didst remain a pure
virgin.

R. Intercede for us, O
Mother of God.

Let us pray.

O God, who, by the fruit-
ful virginity of blessed
Mary, hast given to man-
kind the rewards of eternal
salvation; grant, we be-
seech thee, that we may
experience her intercession
for us, through whom we
have deserved to receive
the author of life, our Lord
Jesus Christ thy Son.
Who liveth, etc.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assist-
ance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

Our Father (*secretly*).

[2. From Compline on the Feast of the Purification to Maunday Thursday, exclusively:]

Ave, Regina cœlorum!

Hail, O Queen of Heav'n
enthroned!

Ave, domina angelorum!

Hail, by angels mistress
own'd!

Salve, radix, salve, porta,
Ex qua mundo Lux est
orta.

Root of Jesse, Gate of morn,
Whence the world's true
Light was born.

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa.

Glorious Virgin, joy to thee,
Loveliest whom in heaven
they see.

Vale, O valde decora!

Fairest thou where all are
fair!

Et pro nobis Christum
exora.

Plead with Christ our sins
to spare.

V. Dignare me laudare
te Virgo sacrata.

V. Vouchsafe that I may
praise thee, O sacred Virgin.

R. Da mihi virtutem
contra hostes tuos.

R. Give me strength
against thine enemies.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Concede, misericors Deus,
fragilitati nostræ præsidium;
ut qui sanctæ Dei
Genitricis memoriam agimus,
intercessionis ejus
auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus
resurgamus. Per eundem
Christum, etc.

Grant, O merciful God,
support to our frailty; that
we who commemorate the
holy Mother of God may,
by the help of her intercession,
arise from our iniquities.
Through the same
Christ our Lord, etc.

R. Amen.

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V. Divinum auxilium
maneant semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assist-
ance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

[3. From Compline on Holy Saturday till Trinity Eve:]

Regina Cœli, lætare! alle-
luia.

Quia quem meruisti por-
tare; alleluia.

Resurrexit sicut dixit; alle-
luia.

Ora pro nobis Deum; alle-
luia.

V. Gaude et lætare,
Virgo Maria; alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Domi-
nus vere; alleluia.

Oremus.

Deus, qui per resurrec-
tionem Filii tui Domini
nostri Jesu Christi mun-
dum lætificare dignatus es;
præsta, quæsumus, ut per
ejus Genitricem Virginem
Mariam perpetuæ capiamus
gaudia vitæ. Per eundem
Christum, etc.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium
maneant semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

Joy to thee, O Queen of
Heaven! alleluia.

He whom thou wast meet
to bear; alleluia.

As he promis'd, hath arisen;
alleluia.

Pour for us to him thy
prayer; alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad,
O Virgin Mary; alleluia.

R. For the Lord hath
risen indeed; alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who didst vouch-
safe to give joy to the world
through the resurrection of
thy Son our Lord Jesus
Christ; grant, we beseech
thee, that, through his
Mother, the Virgin Mary,
we may obtain the joys of
everlasting life. Through
the same Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assist-
ance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

[4. From First Vespers of Trinity Sunday to Advent:]

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiæ;

Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exules filii Hevæ;

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrymarum valle.

Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,

Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte;

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,

Nobis post hoc exilium ostende,

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

Oremus.

Onnipotens, sempiterna Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici merere-

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy;

Our life, our sweetness and our hope, all hail.

To thee we cry, poor banished sons of Eve;

To thee we sigh, weeping and mourning in this vale of tears.

Therefore, O our Advocate,

Turn thou on us those merciful eyes of thine;

And after this our exile, show us

Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb,

O merciful, O kind, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of Mary, glorious Vir-

tur, Spiritu Sancto co-operante, præparasti; da ut cujus commemoratione lætamur, ejus pia intercessionem ab instantibus malis et a morte perpetua liberemur. Per eundem Christum, etc.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium
maneant semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

gin and Mother, to become the worthy habitation of thy Son; grant that we may be delivered from instant evils and from everlasting death by her gracious intercession, in whose commemoration we rejoice. Through the same Christ, etc.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

*Prayer which may be said at the Commencement
of any Office.*

O LORD, open thou my mouth that I may bless thy holy name. Cleanse my heart from all vain, evil and wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; kindle my affections, that I may pray to and praise thee with attention and devotion; and may be worthy to be heard before the presence of thy Divine Majesty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

[Benediction is a devotion practiced by the Church, in order to give adoration, praise and blessing to God for his infinite goodness and love, testified to us in the institution of the Blessed Sacrament, and to receive at the same time the Benediction or Blessing of our Lord there present.]

[When the priest opens the Tabernacle and incenses the Blessed Sacrament, is sung the hymn :]

O salutaris Hostia,	O saving Victim, opening wide
Quæ cœli pandis ostium:	The gate of heav'n to man below!
Bella premunt hostilia,	Our foes press on from every side;
Da robur, fer auxilium.	Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
Unitrino que Domino	To thy great name be end- less praise,
Sit sempiterna gloria,	Immortal Godhead, one in three!
Qui vitam sine termino	Ó grant us endless length of days
Nobis donet in patria.	In our true native land with thee.
Amen.	Amen.

[After which follows the *Litany of the Blessed Virgin* (see page 17), or some Psalm or Antiphon or Hymn appropriate to the Feast or in honor of the Most Holy Sacrament.]

[Then is sung the hymn *Tantum ergo Sacramentum*, all present making a profound inclination (not prostration) while the words *veneremur cernui* are being sung.]

Tantum ergo Sacramentum	Down in adoration falling,
Veneremur cernui;	Lo! the sacred host we hail;
Et antiquum documentum	Lo! o'er ancient forms de-
	parting
Novo cedat ritui;	Newer rites of grace pre-
	vail;
Præstet fides supplemen-	Faith for all defects sup-
tum	plying
Sensuum defectui.	Where the feeble senses
	fail.
Genitori, Genitoque,	To the everlasting Father,
Laus et jubilatio,	And the Son who reigns on
	high,
Salus, honor, virtus quo-	With the Holy Ghost pro-
que	ceeding
Sit et benedictio,	Forth from each eternally,
Procedenti ab utroque	Be salvation, honor, bless-
	ing,
Compar sit laudatio.	Might and endless majesty.
Amen.	Amen.
V. Panem de cœlo præ-	V. Thou didst give them
stitisti eis. [Alleluia.]	bread from heaven. [Alle-
	luia.]
R. Omne delectamen um	R. Containing in itself
in se habentem. [Alleluia.]	all sweetness. [Alleluia.]

Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari; ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis, etc. Amen.

O God, who, under a wonderful Sacrament, hast left us a memorial of thy passion, grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood that we may ever feel within us the fruit of thy redemption. Who livest, etc. Amen.

[Here the Benediction is given with the Blessed Sacrament, all bowing down in profound adoration, and beseeching his blessing on themselves, and on the whole Church, and upon the world.]

Adoremus in æternum Sanctissimum Sacramentum.

May we for ever adore the Most Holy Sacrament.

Ave Verum.

Ave verum Corpus, natum

Hail to thee! true Body,
sprung

Ex Maria virgine,

From the Virgin Mary's
womb!

Vere passum; immolatum,

The same that on the cross
was hung,

In cruce pro homine.

And bore for man the bitter
doom!

Cujus latus perforatum,

Thou whose side was
pierced, and flow'd

Vero fluxit sanguine,

Both with water and with
blood,

Esto nobis prægustatum,
Mortis in examine.

Suffer us to taste of thee
In our life's last agony.

O clemens, O pie,

O kind, O loving one!

O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariæ

O sweet Jesus, Mary's Son!

Prayer Before the Most Holy Sacrament.

MY Lord Jesus Christ, who for the love which thou bearest to men dost remain day and night in this Sacrament, full of mercy and of love, inviting, expecting, receiving all them who come to visit thee, I believe that thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I adore thee, confessing my own misery and nothingness, and I thank thee for all the mercies which thou hast bestowed upon me, especially for having given me thyself in this Sacrament, for having given me thy most holy Mother Mary for my advocate, and for having called me to visit thee at this time. I salute thy most loving heart, and I desire to do so for three ends: 1. In thanksgiving for this great gift; 2. To atone for all the injuries thou hast received from thy enemies in this Sacrament; 3. To adore thee in all places in which thou art least honored and most neglected in the Holy Sacrament. O my Jesus, I love

thee with all my heart; I am sorry for having hitherto displeased thy infinite goodness; I resolve, with the assistance of thy grace, never more to offend thee; and at this moment, miserable as I am, I desire to consecrate my whole being to thee. I give thee my will, my affections, my desires, and all that I have. From this day forward do with me and whatever belongs to me what thou pleasest; I ask and desire only thy love, the gift of final perseverance, and the perfect accomplishment of thy holy will. I recommend to thee the souls in purgatory, particularly those who were most devout to the Blessed Sacrament and to holy Mary; and I recommend to thee all poor sinners. Finally, my dear Saviour, I unite all my affections with those of thy most loving heart; and thus united, I offer them to thy eternal Father, and I beseech him, in thy name and for thy sake, to accept them. Amen.

DEVOTIONS

FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

Prayers for the Stations.

[The priests and acolytes, kneeling before the altar, say as follows:]

O JESUS, our adorable Saviour, behold us prostrate at thy feet, imploring thy mercy for ourselves and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Vouchsafe to apply to us the infinite merits of thy passion, on which we are now about to meditate. Grant that while we trace this path of sighs and tears our hearts may be so touched with contrition and repentance that we may be ready to embrace with joy all the crosses and sufferings and humiliations of this our life and pilgrimage.

V. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord.

R. And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

V. Glory be, etc.

R. As it was, etc.

[Then moving in procession to the First Station, the following versicle and response are said or sung:]

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world.

[This versicle and response are repeated before each Station.]

FIRST STATION.

JESUS CHRIST CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

[The Priest reads:]

Leaving the house of Caiphas, where he had been blasphemed, and the house of Herod, where he had been mocked, Jesus is dragged before Pilate, his back torn with scourges, his head crowned with thorns, and he, who on the last day will judge the living and the dead, is himself condemned to a disgraceful death.

It was for us that thou didst suffer, O blessed Jesus; it was for our sins thou wast condemned to die. Oh grant that we may detest them from the bottom of our hearts, and by this repentance obtain thy mercy and pardon.

An Act of Contrition.

O God, we love thee with our whole hearts and above all things, and are heartily sorry that we have offended thee. May we never offend thee any more. Oh may we love thee without ceasing and make it our delight to do in all things thy most holy will.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

[This Act of Contrition to be repeated after each Station.]

[While passing from one Station to another, a verse of the *Stabat Mater* is sung or said:]

Stabat Mater dolorosa,	At the cross her station
	keeping,
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,	Stood the mournful mother
	weeping,
Dum pendebat Filius.	Close to Jesus to the last.
R. Sancta Mater, istud	Holy Mother, pierce me
agas,	through,
Crucifixi fige plagas.	In my heart each wound
	renew
Cordi meo valide.	Of my Saviour crucified.

[Or this last verse alone may be sung after each Station.]

SECOND STATION.

JESUS RECEIVES THE CROSS.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness, nay, with a secret joy, for it is the instrument with which he is to redeem the world.

Prayer.

O Jesus! grant us, by virtue of thy cross, to embrace with meekness and cheerful submission the difficulties of our state, and to be ever ready to take up our cross and follow thee.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Cujus animam gemen-	Through her heart, his
tem,	sorrow sharing,
Contristatam, et dolen-	All his bitter anguish bear-
tem,	ing,
Pertransivit gladius.	Now at length the sword
	had pass'd.

THIRD STATION.

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME UNDER THE WEIGHT OF
THE CROSS.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

Bowed down under the weight of the cross, Jesus slowly sets forth on the way to Calvary, amidst the mockeries and insults of the crowd. His agony in the garden has exhausted his body; he is sore with the blows and wounds; his strength fails him; he falls to the ground under the cross.

Prayer.

O Jesus! who for our sins didst bear the heavy burden of the cross and fall under its weight, may the thoughts of thy sufferings make us watchful over ourselves, and save us from any grievous fall into sin.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. O quam tristis et	Oh, how sad and sore dis-
afflicta	tress'd
Fuit illa benedicta	Was that Mother highly
	blest
Mater Unigeniti!	Of the sole begotten one!

FOURTH STATION.

JESUS IS MET BY HIS BLESSED MOTHER.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

Still burdened with his cross, and wounded yet more by his fall, Jesus proceeds on his way. He is met by his Mother. What a meeting must that have been! What a sword of anguish must have pierced that Mother's bosom! What must have been the compassion of that Son for his holy Mother!

Prayer.

O Jesus! by the compassion which thou didst feel for thy Mother, have compassion on us and give us a share in her intercession. O Mary, most afflicted Mother! intercede for us, that, through the sufferings of thy Son, we may be delivered from the wrath to come.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Quæ merebat et dole-	Christ above in torment
bat,	hangs,
Pia Mater, dum vide-	She beneath beholds the
bat,	pangs
Nati poenas inclyti.	Of her dying, glorious Son.

FIFTH STATION.

THE CROSS IS LAID UPON SIMON OF CYRENE.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

As the strength of Jesus fails and he is unable to proceed, the executioners seize and compel Simon of Cyrene to carry his cross. The virtue of that cross changed his heart, and from a compulsory task it became a privilege and a joy.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus! may it be our privilege also to bear thy cross; may we glory in nothing else; by it may the world be crucified unto us and we unto the world; may we never shrink from sufferings, but rather rejoice if we may be counted worthy to suffer for thy name's sake.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Quis est homo qui non	Is there one who would
fleret,	not weep,
Matrem Christi si videret	Whelm'd in miseries so deep
In tanto supplicio?	Christ's dear Mother to behold?

SIXTH STATION.

THE FACE OF JESUS IS WIPED BY VERONICA.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

As Jesus proceeds on the way, covered with the sweat of death, a woman, moved with compassion, makes her way through the crowd and wipes his face with a handkerchief. As a reward of her piety, the impression of his sacred countenance is miraculously imprinted upon the handkerchief.

Prayer.

O Jesus! may the contemplation of thy sufferings move us with the deepest compassion, make us to hate our sins, and kindle in our hearts more fervent love to thee. May thy image be graven on our minds until we are transformed into thy likeness.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Quis non posset con-	Can the human heart re-
tristari,	frain
Christi Matrem con-	From partaking in her
templari	pain,
Dolentem cum Filio?	In that Mother's pain un-
	told?

SEVENTH STATION.

JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

The pain of his wound and the loss of blood increasing at every step of his way, again his strength fails him, and Jesus falls to the ground a second time.

Prayer.

O Jesus! falling again under the burden of our sins, and of thy sufferings for our sins, how often have we grieved thee by our repeated falls into sin! Oh, may we rather die than ever offend thee again!

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Pro peccatis suæ gen-	Bruised, derided, cursed,
tis	defiled,
Vidit Jesum in tormen-	She beheld her tender
tis,	Child
Et flagellis subditum.	All with bloody scourges
	rent,

EIGHTH STATION.

THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM MOURN FOR OUR LORD.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

At the sight of the sufferings of Jesus some holy women in the crowd were so touched with sympathy that they openly bewailed and lamented him. Jesus, knowing the things that were to come to pass upon Jerusalem because of their rejection of him, turned to them and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus, we mourn, and will mourn, both for thee and for ourselves; for thy sufferings, and for our sins which caused them. Oh, teach us so to mourn that we may be comforted and escape those dreadful judgments prepared for all who reject or neglect thee in this life.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Vidit suum dulcem	For the sins of his own
Natum	nation
Moriendo desolatum,	She saw him hang in deso-
	lation
Dum emisit spiritum.	Till his spirit forth he sent.

NINTH STATION.

JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME UNDER THE CROSS.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

Jesus had now arrived almost at the summit of Calvary; but before he reached the spot where he was to be crucified his strength again fails him, and he falls a third time, to be again dragged up and goaded onward by the brutal soldiery.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus! we entreat thee, by the merits of this thy third most painful fall, to pardon our frequent relapses and our long continuance in sin; and may the thought of these thy sufferings make us to hate our sins more and more.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Pia Mater fons amoris,	O thou Mother, fount of
	love!
Me sentire vim doloris	Touch my spirit from
	above,
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.	Make my heart with thine
	accord.

TENTH STATION.

JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

Arrived at last at the place of sacrifice, they prepare to crucify him. His garments are torn from his bleeding body and he, the Holy of holies, stands exposed to the vulgar gaze of the rude and scoffing multitude.

Prayer.

O Lord Jesus, thou didst endure this shame for our most shameful deeds. Strip us, we beseech thee, of all false shame, conceit and pride, and make us so to humble ourselves voluntarily in this life that we may escape everlasting ignominy in the world to come.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Fac ut ardeat cor meum	Make me feel as thou hast felt,
In amando Christum Deum,	Make my soul to glow and melt
Ut sibi complaceam.	With the love of Christ my Lord.

ELEVENTH STATION.

JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

The cross is laid upon the ground and Jesus is stretched upon his bed of death. At one and the same time he offers his bruised limbs to his heavenly Father in behalf of sinful man and to his fierce executioners to be nailed by them to the disgraceful wood. The blows are struck! the blood gushes forth!

Prayer.

O Jesus! nailed to the cross, fasten our hearts there also, that they may be united to thee until death shall strike us with its fatal blow, and with our last breath we shall have yielded up our souls to thee.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Sancta Mater, istud	Holy Mother, pierce me
agas,	through,
Crucifixi fige plagas	In my heart each wound
	renew
Cordi meo valide.	Of my Saviour crucified.

TWELFTH STATION.

JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

For three hours has Jesus hung upon his transfixed hands; his blood has run in streams down his body and bedewed the ground; and in the midst of excruciating sufferings he has pardoned his murderers, promised the

bliss of Paradise to the good thief, and committed his blessed Mother and beloved disciple to each other's care. All is now consummated; and, meekly bowing down his head, he gives up the ghost.

Prayer.

O Jesus! we devoutly embrace that honored cross where thou didst love us even unto death. In that death we place all our confidence. Henceforth let us live only for thee, and in dying for thee let us die loving thee and in thy sacred arms.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Tui Nati vulnerati,	Let me share with thee his
	pain,
Tam dignati pro me	Who for all my sins was
. pati,	slain,
Pœnas mecum divide.	Who for me in torments
	died.

THIRTEENTH STATION.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE ARMS OF HIS SACRED MOTHER.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

The multitude have left the heights of Calvary, and none remain save the beloved disciple and the holy women, who, at the foot of the cross, are striving to stem the grief of Christ's inconsolable Mother. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take down the body of her divine Son from the cross and deposit it in her arms.

Prayer.

O thou whose grief was boundless as an ocean that hath no limits, Mary, Mother of God, give us a share in thy most holy sorrow in the sufferings of thy Son, and have compassion on our infirmities. Accept us as thy children with the beloved disciple. Show thyself a mother unto us, and may he through thee receive our prayer, who for us vouchsafed to be thy Son.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Fac me tecum pie flere,	Let me mingle tears with thee,
Crucifixo condolere,	Mourning him who mourned for me,
Donec ego vixero.	All the days that I may live.

FOURTEENTH STATION.

JESUS IS LAID IN THE SEPULCHRE.

V. We adore thee, etc.

R. Because, etc.

Priest.

The body of her dearly beloved Son is taken from his Mother and laid by the disciples in the tomb. The tomb is closed, and there the lifeless body remains until the hour of its glorious resurrection.

Prayer.

We too, O God, will descend into the grave whenever it shall please thee, as it shall please thee, and whereso-

ever it shall please thee. Let thy just decrees be fulfilled; let our sinful bodies return to their parent dust, but do thou, in thy great mercy, receive our immortal souls, and when our bodies have risen again place them likewise in thy kingdom, that we may love and bless thee for ever and ever. Amen.

[Act of Contrition, Pater, etc., as before.]

V. Juxta crucem tecum	By the cross with thee to
stare,	stay,
Et me tibi sociare	There with thee to weep
	and pray,
In planctu desidero.	Is all I ask of thee to give.

[The Benediction is then given, after which the following antiphon and prayer are sung:]

Ant. Christ was made for us obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, we beseech thee, upon this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of wicked men and to endure the torments of the cross. Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER

TO OUR BLESSED REDEEMER, IN HONOR OF
HIS BITTER PASSION.

GLORY, honor and praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ; may all the world adore thee; blessed be thy holy name, who for us sinners didst vouchsafe to be born of a humble virgin; and blessed be thy infinite goodness, who didst die upon the cross for our redemption.

O Jesus, Son of God and Saviour of mankind, we beseech thee to have mercy on us, and so dispose our lives here by thy grace that we may hereafter rejoice with thee for ever in thy heavenly kingdom. Amen.

O dear Jesus, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, the sweet Comforter of all sad, desolate and distressed souls, behold thy

poor servant humbly prostrate at the foot of thy holy cross, bewailing his misery, imploring thy mercy, and beseeching thee to take pity and compassion upon him in this his present and pressing affliction [infirmity, poverty, temptation, trouble, or whatever other spiritual or corporal necessity.]

Hear my prayer, O assured refuge of all afflicted souls! behold my tears, consider my sorrows, and remedy my distresses; for, finding myself encompassed with very grievous calamities, by reason of my great crimes, I know not whither to fly for succor or to whom I may make my complaint but to thee, my meek and merciful Saviour, with a full hope and confidence that thou, O my loving Redeemer, wilt vouchsafe to lend the ears of thy ordinary pity and accustomed clemency to the humble petition of thy poor child; and by that sweetness which thy blessed soul perceived at the time of thy alliance with

our human nature, when resolving with the Father and the Holy Ghost to unite thy divine person to mortal flesh for man's salvation, thou didst send thy angel to the holy Virgin Mary with those happy tidings, and, clothing thyself with our human nature, remainedst true God and true man for the space of nine months in her sacred womb.

By the anguish thou enduredst, when the time of thy designed passion drawing nigh, thou prayedst to thy eternal Father that if it might consist with his most divine Providence thou desiredst that that bitter chalice might pass away from thee ! yet concluding with a most perfect act of resignation : *Not my will, O heavenly Father, but thine be done.*

By the outrageous injuries, shameful disgraces, cruel blows, contumelious blasphemies, false witnesses, forged accusations and unjust judgments which thou, innocent lamb, patiently enduredst ; by the shackles

which fettered thy limbs, the tears which flowed from thy eyes, the blood which trickled from thy whole body; by the fears, sorrows and sadness of thy heart; by the shame thou receivedst in being stripped of thy garments, to hang on the cross in the sight of thy sorrowful Mother and in presence of all the people.

By thy royal head crowned with thorns and smitten with a reed; by thy thirst quenched with vinegar and gall; by thy side opened with a spear, whence issued blood and water to refresh our souls with that living fountain of thy love and mercy; by the sharp nails wherewith thy tender hands and feet were cruelly pierced and fastened to the cross; by the recommendation of thy departing soul to thy heavenly Father, saying, *Into thy hands I commend my spirit*; by thy praying for thy enemies, saying, *O Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do*; by thy giving up the ghost, when thou criedst

out with a loud voice, *My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?* and then bowing down thy most blessed head to impart the kiss of peace, saidst, *It is consummated.*

By the great mercy thou showedst towards the penitent thief, saying, *This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise;* by thy descent into Limbus, and the joy thou didst communicate to the just souls therein detained; by the glory of thy triumphant resurrection and the consoling apparition thou frequently didst make for forty days' space to thy sacred Virgin Mother, to thy apostles, and thy other chosen friends and servants; by thy admirable ascension, when, in the sight of thy Mother and thy apostles, thou wast elevated into heaven; by the miraculous coming down of the Holy Ghost in the form of fiery tongues, whereby thou didst replenish the hearts of thy disciples with thy love and gavest them strength and

courage to plant thy faith in the whole world; by the dreadful day of general judgment, on which thou art to pass sentence on all mankind.

By all those sorrows, joys, passions, compassions, and whatsoever else is near and dear to thee in heaven and on earth, take pity on me, O compassionate Redeemer; hear my prayers and grant me that for which I now most humbly and heartily petition thee.

[Mention here what you desire, or reflect mentally upon it.]

Give me, O gracious Saviour, the speedy experience of thy divine succor and comfort; who, according to the accustomed sweetness of thy tender heart, art wont to grant the requests of those who really fear and love thee, even to their own soul's desire and satisfaction; bestow on me also, O my blessed Lord Jesus, a constant faith, a confident hope, a perfect charity, a cordial contrition, a sincere confession,

a competent satisfaction, a diligent custody of myself from future failings, an heroic contempt of the world, a complete conquest of my passions, a zealous imitation of thy exemplary life and conversation, an entire accomplishment of my vows, an absolute mortification of my self-will, a willing readiness to die for thy love and honor, a final perseverance in grace and good works, a happy departure of my soul out of this world, with my perfect senses about me, thy holy sacraments to strengthen me; thyself, O dear Jesus, to comfort me; thy sacred Virgin Mother, with the saints, my particular patrons, to pray for me, and my good angel to conduct me to eternal rest, eternal life, and eternal happiness. Amen.

NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS.

[This Novena is usually made during the nine days preceding Christmas, to prepare for the coming of Christ and to obtain some particular favor. Being fully recollected in spirit, and respectfully kneeling before the altar or picture of the Nativity of our Lord, you will address the following petition to our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph, beginning with the sign of the cross:]

Petition.

O most sacred Virgin and blessed St. Joseph, obtain for us the grace to perform this Novena with such attention, devotion and ardent charity as will entitle us to join the angels in rendering glory to God. Amen.

[Let us say twelve Hail Marys, in remembrance of the care and solicitude shown by our Blessed Lady towards the Infant Jesus till his twelfth year.]

Hail Mary, etc.

[Let us say three Our Fathers, in honor of the three years of our Lord's infancy.]

Our Father, etc.

[Let us make three aspirations, to incline the Infant Jesus to turn his favorable attention on us.]

1st. O Divine Infant of Bethlehem, whom we adore and acknowledge to be our sovereign Lord, come and take birth in our hearts. Amen.

2d. O Infant Jesus, grant that each moment of our lives we may pay homage to that moment in which thou didst begin the work of our salvation. Amen.

3d. O sacred Mother of our Infant Saviour, obtain that we may so prepare ourselves for his coming as not to be separated from him for all eternity. Amen.

Let us pray.

Most holy Infant Jesus, true God and true man, our Saviour and Redeemer, with all earnestness and respect we beseech thee, by that charity, humility and bounty which thou didst display in thy infancy, graciously undertaken for the love of us, that thou vouchsafe to grant us the favor we now beg, if it be for the honor of God and our salvation. Amen.

[Here each one will petition in spirit the particular favor he wishes to obtain. Pause for a short time.]

O most amiable Infant Jesus, we are most unworthy to be heard in this our petition, but thy holy Mother, the Virgin Mary, and the great St. Joseph, thy foster-father while on earth, are worthy to be heard soliciting in our behalf. Then, O Divine Infant, being mindful of their most sublime merits, especially those they acquired during the time they served thee in thy infancy in Bethlehem, thy flight into Egypt, and thy childhood at Nazareth, vouchsafe to grant our request and give us the grace to promote the honor of thy omnipotent infancy, to serve thee with fidelity as domestic servants all the days of our lives, and to obtain a happy death, assisted in that last hour by the blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, whose zeal for thy honor will lead us to praise and bless thy divine mercies for ever and ever. Amen.

The Anthem.

Whilst deep silence dwelt on all things below and the

night was in the midst of its course, the almighty word came down from its throne. Alleluia.

The Litany.

Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us.
 God the Father of heaven,
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Ghost,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Infant, Jesus Christ,
 Infant, true God,
 Infant, Son of the living God,
 Infant, Son of the Virgin Mary,
 Infant, strong in weakness,
 Infant, powerful in tenderness,
 Infant, treasure of grace,
 Infant, fountain of love,
 Infant, renewer of the heavens,
 Infant, repairer of the earth,
 Infant, head of the angels,
 Infant, root of the patriarchs,
 Infant, speech of prophets,
 Infant, desire of the Gentiles,
 Infant, joy of shepherds,
 Infant, light of the Magi,
 Infant, salvation of infants,
 Infant, expectation of the just,
 Infant, instructor of the wise,
 Infant, first fruit of all saints,

Have mercy on us.

Be merciful to us. Hear us, Infant Jesus.

Be merciful to us. Spare us, Infant Jesus.

From the slavery of the child of Adam, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the slavery of the devil, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the concupiscence of the flesh, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the malice of the world, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the pride of life, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From the inordinate desire of knowing, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From blindness of spirit, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From an evil will, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

From our sins, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

Through thy most pure conception, hear us, O Infant Jesus.

Through thy most humble nativity, hear us, O Infant Jesus.

Through thy tears,

Through thy most painful circumcision,

Through thy most glorious manifestation,

Through thy most pious presentation,

Through thy most innocent conversation,

Through thy most divine life,

Through thy poverty,

Through thy many sufferings,

Through thy labors and travels,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, Infant Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, hear us, Infant Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Infant Jesus.

Hear us, O Infant Jesus.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, who didst, for the love of us, vouchsafe to reduce thy incarnated divinity and most divine humanity to the humiliating state of birth and infancy, grant that we, acknowledging thy infinite wisdom in thy infancy, thy power in thy weakness, and thy majesty in thy littleness, may adore thee, a little one on earth, and behold thee great in heaven, who livest and reignest with God the Father, in unity with the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.



DEVOTIONS

TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Invocations to the Sacred Heart in order to obtain the cure of one who is sick.

HEART of Jesus, ocean of goodness and inexhaustible source of mercy, vouchsafe to hear our prayers for N——.

Heart of Jesus, whose delight is to be with the children of men, vouchsafe, etc.

Heart of Jesus, our consolation in our trials, our remedy in our distresses, and our comfort in our miseries, vouchsafe, etc.

Heart of Jesus, infinitely good, sweet and compassionate, vouchsafe, etc.

Heart of Jesus, who, being moved with a tender compassion, didst work a miracle at the marriage feast of Cana, comfort and cure thy servant N——.

Heart of Jesus, touched and softened by the cries of the Canaanitish woman, and

who didst restore health to her daughter, grant us the cure of N——.

Heart of Jesus, who, with divine affection and goodness, didst say, in speaking of Lazarus, "Our friend Lazarus is sick," comfort, etc.

Heart of Jesus, who didst weep with Martha and Mary at the grave of their brother, and who didst call him back to life, comfort, etc.

Heart of Jesus, who didst feel such great compassion on seeing the son of the widow of Naim borne to the grave, and who didst raise him from the dead, comfort, etc.

Heart of Jesus, who, with an admirable clemency, didst give back life to the youthful daughter of the high-priest of the synagogue, comfort, etc.

Heart of Jesus, who, with a fatherly tenderness, didst feed five thousand men in the desert, lest they should faint in the road, console, etc.

Heart of Jesus, who, to show forth thy power and thy goodness, didst restore thousands of the sick and infirm to health, console, etc.

Heart of Jesus, to whom all power has been given in heaven and on earth, console, etc.

Heart of Jesus, who lovest not to punish but to pardon, and deliverest us so willingly from the evils which oppress us, console, etc.

Heart of Jesus, O best and most indulgent of all hearts, console and cure, etc.

In memory of thy agony in the garden of Olives, hear us, O divine heart.

In memory of the wound thou didst receive upon the cross through love for us, hear us, O divine heart.

In remembrance of all thy goodness and mercy, hear us, O divine heart.

Let us Pray.

O sacred heart of Jesus, we beseech thee not to deny us the favor we so

earnestly beg of thee. We will not leave thee, O divine heart, till thou hast said, "I will be thy salvation;" until thou hast said, "I will let (him or her) be made whole."

Heart of Mary, compassionate heart of our tender Mother, speak to Jesus on our behalf; beseech of our merciful Lord to grant us the cure of this his servant, which we solicit so earnestly. O heart of Mary, help us. O heart of Jesus, hear us. Amen.

Nine Elevations of the Soul to the Sacred Heart.

Heart of Jesus, perfect adorer of God, teach me to adore thy heavenly Father with thee and by thee.

Heart of Jesus, inflamed with love for me, inflame me with thy divine love.

Heart of Jesus, victim alone worthy of God, unite me to thy divine sacrifice.

Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with bitterness for the sins of men, break my heart with sorrow for my sins.

Heart of Jesus, infinitely humble, annihilate my pride.

Heart of Jesus, perfect model of meekness, inspire me with that salutary virtue.

Heart of Jesus, infinitely pure and spotless, give me an inviolable purity of body, mind and heart.

Heart of Jesus, full of zeal for the glory of thy heavenly Father, animate my heart with an ardent zeal for thy glory and my own sanctification.

Heart of Jesus, reign forever in my heart, and grant me grace to reign one day with thee in heaven.

Hour of Adoration of the Sacred Heart.

PRAYER.

What a happiness is mine, O my Saviour, to hold communion with thee, to thank thee for the immense love of thy heart for mankind, to offer thee some reparation for outrages unceasingly committed against thee. But, sinner as I am, how can I

worthily acquit myself of so holy a duty ? O Jesus, unite my prayers to thine, offer to thy heavenly Father the holy dispositions of thy divine heart, in order to supply for my deficiencies. Holy Virgin, lead me to the heart of thy divine Son, that sanctuary of grace and virtue. I unite myself to the homage rendered him by thy immaculate heart. Ye blessed spirits, ever humbly prostrate before that adorable heart, I unite myself to your profound adorations ; communicate to me your love and recollection ; present to him my prayers ; and, ye saints of heaven and just ones of the earth, come and let us adore together the heart of our Redeemer.

[Place yourself in the presence of God, make an act of faith, and say with the prodigal son :]

My Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight. I am no longer worthy to be called thy child. Make me as one of thy hired servants. I desire nothing more.

[Place yourself in spirit near the heart of Jesus, at the foot of the throne of mercy; approach with confidence, listen to the loving words our Lord addresses to you, and pray to him with earnestness and devotion.]

Jesus Christ. Open to me thy heart, my spouse, my beloved.

The Disciple. O my God, is it to me that thou dost address these words? My soul is but an abyss of misery, and thou callest me thy beloved; I presume not to raise my eyes towards thy heart so pure and holy, yet as soon as I present myself to thee, thou dost lavish on me thy most signal favors. What a glory and happiness for me, my God, to be noticed by thee; to know that thou disdainest not a creature so guilty as myself! Ah, since thou sufferest me in thy presence, since thou even commandest me to open to thee my heart, I obey. Depart from thence, all earthly thoughts; leave me to converse with my God, that from his heart I may draw forth true love.

Jesus Christ. Thou hast wounded my

heart, my beloved; thou hast wounded my heart.

The Disciple. O God, how can it be that thy love should have made thee take a heart like unto mine? Ah, thou hast taken this heart in order that thou mayst feel all my miseries; but what a prodigy of love to have assumed this heart only to allow it to be pierced in favor of one so ungrateful! Thou hast allowed it to be pierced on the cross in the face of the whole world, so that none should be ignorant of the excess of thy tenderness. Thou bearest in heaven this glorious wound. The opening in thy heart shall never be closed up; it shall always bear the triumphant mark of thy love. O divine heart, wound this heart of mine; inflict so deep a wound that it shall open entirely to thee; pierce it with the same lance with which thine own was pierced, so that the waters of a sincere repentance may flow from thence. Alas! this heart

has wounded thee a thousand times more by its ingratitude, infidelity, and obduracy. I have pierced it by my offences. O my Saviour, pardon me, banish sin from my heart, making thy holy love reign there in its place.

Jesus Christ. My beloved, let there be no division; give me entire possession of thy heart.

The Disciple. O Lord, how dost thou abase thyself, disdaining not to ask for the heart of one who has not blushed to refuse it to thee, in order to resign it up to sin? What tenderness on thy part! But, O my God, what has this heart become which thou demandest of me? Alas! it is sullied with a thousand stains. How canst thou endure it, thou who art sanctity itself? Ah, my God, how much that is wrong is there in this heart! what love of self-attachment to my own thoughts and will! what worldly inclinations, distaste for heaven, tepidity in thy service, and solicitude for this perishing body! However,

since thou deignest to demand it, I offer it thee. O Jesus, the only object of my love, receive me now in thy sacred heart, so that I may be all thine; receive me into that ardent furnace, in order that I may be wholly consumed in thy love. There, my sweet Saviour, I shall know the value of the blood which has redeemed me, and shall comprehend how I ought to love thee. O love of my Saviour, thou art that living water for which I thirst; my heart tends only towards thee. Open to me thy loving heart. My heart is thine for eternity; bestow upon me thine, O Jesus.

Jesus Christ. Yes, my beloved, I give thee my heart; set it as a seal upon thine own, study its sentiments, copy faithfully its virtues.

The Disciple. O my soul, receive this heart burning with love, respond to its adorable designs over thee, endeavor to make them thine own.

Adorable Jesus, my heart was formed to be thy habitation, thy throne, thy altar, thy tabernacle. Enter, O divine Saviour, into this habitation, and purify it from all that is unworthy of thee. Command it as a sovereign upon his throne, and give me the docility necessary to obey thee. Receive upon this altar the sacrifice I make thee of my heart, and dwell as a God of majesty and holiness in that living tabernacle which thou hast chosen for thyself.

O my soul, regard attentively thy divine model; see him raised upon the mount, nailed to the cross; behold his bleeding hands, those eyes dim, the mouth livid, those pierced hands and feet. Content thyself not with the exterior; look in spirit at his heart; it has been opened by the lance in order that thou mayst pass therein. Imitate his love, meekness, humility and charity. Then cast down thine eyes on the ground around Calvary; it is watered with his blood. At the sight of that blood

understand that love shows itself more by actions than by words.

Thou desirest, O my Saviour, that I should place thee as a seal upon my heart, by the imitation of thy virtues and thy example. I ardently wish to do so. Give me grace to execute what thou commandest. O Jesus, thy heart is pure, let mine be pure; thine is humble, let mine be humble; thine is patient and docile, let mine be patient and docile; thy heart is all love, let mine also be inflamed with thy love. Ah! henceforth, O my Saviour, I wish only to have in my heart what thou hast in thine: humility, patience, gentleness, meekness, charity. I desire no more to bestow my heart on creatures, but to give it all to thee. Alas! it has not always been devoted to thy service. Through thy grace, O my God, it is now all thine, and I hope it will ever remain so.

Jesus Christ. Love is strong as death; its lamps are lamps of fire, which the greatest waters cannot extinguish.

The Disciple. Thy love for me, O my Saviour, is more powerful than hell, since it has broken its gates in order to deliver me and open to me those of heaven. It is stronger than death, since thou hast disarmed it in order to give me life. O wondrous strength of love! All invincible as thou art, my God, it disarms thee; it stays thy arm raised to strike the sinner; it saves him from thy avenging justice, in order to give to him thy infinite mercy. I acknowledge that it is through love for us that thy supreme majesty is humbled even to vouchsafe to unite itself to our nature; and it is through the strength of this same love that the creature can ascend unto thee and enjoy the privilege of entering into thy sacred heart.

Behold, my soul, how Jesus hath loved thee! Behold the humiliations and sufferings, the thorns, the nails, the cross and the effusion of his blood!—these are the proofs of his love. The flames of this love

are so ardent that all the waters of our iniquities cannot extinguish them. But, O my soul, where are the marks of thy love for Jesus? What hast thou done for him? Where are thy victories over thy evil inclinations? Where the labors thou hast undertaken, the sufferings thou hast endured for his glory?

Alas! my God, my zeal is weak, my love is languishing. Thy interests are more than ever abandoned. Thy enemies increase daily. Have I ever fought in defence of thy cause?

Jesus Christ. O my beloved, is there any sorrow like unto mine? How much have I done for my children, and how have they rebelled against me! I have carried them in my heart, and they have lacerated, outraged and forsaken it. The sorrows of death have compassed me, and the perils of hell are unchained against me.

The Disciple. O my Lord and my God!

sorrow seizes on my soul, affliction and sadness press on my heart, at the sight of thy grief. Prostrate in the dust before thy adorable heart, I make reparation to thee before heaven and earth. Pardon, divine Jesus, all the outrages which were committed during the course of thy mortal life; pardon the impieties, the irreverences, the sacrileges, which have been committed against thee in the sacrament of thy love; pardon especially the sorrows which I have caused to thy divine heart by my irreverence in thy holy temples, by my tepid communions made without due preparation, and by the abuse which I have made of thy graces and of thy precious blood. Ah! why cannot I, by my repentance and my adoration, restore thee the glory of which so many offences have deprived thee? Why cannot I, by my words and my example, lead back so many hearts which have withdrawn themselves from thee? Why cannot I, by my

prayers and tears, cause a cessation to so many scandals and draw unto thee worshipers in spirit and in truth ?

Jesus Christ. I suffer on the part of Jews, pagans and heretics. They have contemned me ; but that those who ought to be devoted to me should regard me with indifference and treat me with such neglect pierces my heart with sorrow.

The Disciple. Ah, my sweet Saviour, can I think of this and not die with sorrow ? Heavenly spirits, angels of peace, weep bitterly for the indignities with which your Lord is visited ; weep over our ingratitude to a heart which has loved us so much. Divine Jesus, thou hast come into this world in order to seek and to save mankind ; and those ungrateful ones fly from thee and abandon thee. Thou loadest them with benefits, and they abuse them ; they turn them against the giver and against themselves. Thou art always in the midst of them, and they seem to be

ignorant of thy presence or only to know thee in order to offer thee some new outrage. Thou openest to them thy heart, and they enter therein only to pierce it with a thousand arrows. Alas! my loving Saviour, am I not myself one of these ungrateful souls? Ah, what sorrow have I not occasioned to thy sacred heart? I, thy beloved one! Why does not thy outraged heart close itself, so as to forget and reject us? Why does not thy avenging arm raise itself against thy guilty servants, in order to exterminate them? Shouldst thou not at least deprive us of thy loving presence, forsake our temples so frequently profaned, and remain in heaven, where the angels and saints forever sing thy praises? But remain thou still, O Lord, in the midst of us; what would become of us if thou didst abandon the earth? Thy Father, beholding no longer the only object of his complacency, would visit us with his avenging justice. How, then, could we

escape his wrath? Heart of Jesus, avenge thyself as befits the God of mercy. Do thou pardon and convert our souls to thee.

Jesus Christ. I have promised to remain in the midst of you, until the consummation of the world; but in the sorrow which afflicts me have I not a right to expect to meet with some who will compassionate my sufferings? Nevertheless, I am left alone in my sorrow.

The Disciple. My beloved Saviour, thou shalt no longer be forsaken; I will make it a duty to visit and adore thee. O heart of Jesus, always burning with love for us, always ready to show mercy, pardon me my guilty forgetfulness of thee; pardon me my unfaithfulness in thy service, my want of zeal in making thee known and loved; let my heart cease to be, if it is to be again insensible to thee. Heart of Jesus, I consecrate to thee the remainder of my life. I wish that all creatures had the hearts of seraphim in order to love

thee; that every mouth would sing thy praises; that every mind should be occupied only with thy greatness. I unite my praises to those which thou receivest from all the angels and saints and just souls on earth. I wish that all who love and adore thee were multiplied; and would freely sacrifice all that I possess, my life itself, if necessary, in order to prevent a single offence against thee.

Jesus Christ. My beloved, I accept thy desires; ask my Father in my name, and all that you desire he will grant you.

The Disciple. O Jesus, my only hope, make me faithful to the devotion I have vowed to thy adorable heart. Signalize thy mercy by allowing me to regain, by the ardor of my love, the time which has been passed in thy service with so much tepidity. I desire to make reparation, by continual praise, for the ingratitude of mankind, and to give thee every moment fresh proofs of my love.

Thy love for me keeps thy heart always open, so that I may dwell there forever. Let love lead me and forever fix my dwelling-place therein, and receive my last sigh.

I beg the same grace, O my God, for all for whom I am particularly bound to pray. May those who have the happiness to belong to the association of thy divine heart, spread throughout the whole world, have a special share in thy mercy. Grant, O Lord, that this confraternity may extend and perpetuate itself in all times and in every place; that it may honor thee by the practice of every virtue and an indefatigable zeal for the conversion of souls.

And since my merciful God wearies not of listening to me, I will still continue to speak to him; I, who am only dust and ashes. God of my heart, lend an ear to my voice; love those who love thee not; open thy heart to those who do not knock at the gate; and vouchsafe to cure those who, far from asking thee to heal them,

take a pleasure in adding fresh venom to the wounds. Thou hast said, my Saviour, that thou didst come upon the earth in order to seek sinners. O my Jesus, these then are truly sinners. Ah! do not consider our ingratitude, our blindness; remember only the blood which thou hast shed for our salvation. Make manifest thy mercy; regard us as the work of thy hands. Save us by thy mercy; our evils are extreme. Arise, O Lord, behold the progress made by thine enemies; stay them, O my Jesus. Since they will not go to thee, go thyself to them. I beseech of thee to grant this grace through thy sacred wounds and by thy precious blood.

O my saviour, put an end to my sins and those of all mankind. Let thy voice make itself heard, and restore life to so many hardened sinners. Call them from the deep abyss into which they have fallen. Lazarus asked thee not to raise him from the dead. Thou didst work this

miracle in behalf of a sinner. O Lord, look also on me; I beseech thee to hear my prayer. I ask it through the tears thou didst shed over the grave of Lazarus; remember that thy tears have flowed for all sinners who sleep in sin; through thy precious blood I ask for it, for thou hast pardoned those who shed it; pardon us, O Saviour of the world.

O Jesus! make thy Church triumph over all her enemies, increase the number of her children, give peace unto her, and grant that she may ever bless thy holy name and revere thy sacred heart. O merciful Redeemer, have pity also on the souls in purgatory; be touched by their sufferings; they are the price of thy blood; open to them thy heart; listen to their lamentations, and grant them, with release from their sufferings, the happiness of glorifying thee in heaven.

Remember, also, O merciful Jesus, in a special manner those souls who, when on

earth, devoted themselves to thy sacred heart, and were zealous for the glory of thy blessed Mother. Suffer them not to be deprived longer of thy presence, for they are very dear to thee; and through this same merciful heart I beseech thee to put them in possession of eternal happiness.

Prayer after the Hour of Adoration.

Pardon me, my God, the distractions into which I have fallen during this hour. Alas! mayst thou not reproach me as thou didst thy three disciples with not being able to watch *one hour* with thee!

One hour with thee, O loving heart of Jesus, has appeared to me too long. Ah, should it not be my delight to be *ever* with thee? O heart, ever full of love, why has mine been so cold, so languishing in thy presence? Pardon me, O Lord; for I desire to breathe only for thee, to make my whole life a perpetual adoration of thy sacred heart. Amen.

DEVOTIONS

FOR THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Litany.

LORD have mercy upon us: *Lord have mercy upon us.*

Christ have mercy upon us: *Christ have mercy upon us.*

Lord have mercy upon us: *Lord have mercy upon us.*

Christ hear us: *Christ graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus, hypostatically united to the eternal Word,

Heart of Jesus, sanctuary of the Divinity,

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the most holy Trinity,

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Heart of Jesus, temple of all sanctity,

Heart of Jesus, fountain of all grace,

Heart of Jesus, most meek,

Heart of Jesus, most humble,

Heart of Jesus, most obedient,

Heart of Jesus, most chaste,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, furnace of divine love,
 Heart of Jesus, source of contrition,
 Heart of Jesus, abyss of wisdom,
 Heart of Jesus, ocean of goodness,
 Heart of Jesus, throne of mercy,
 Heart of Jesus, model of all virtues,
 Heart of Jesus, sorrowful in the garden unto death,
 Heart of Jesus, filled with reproaches,
 Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins,
 Heart of Jesus, made obedient even unto death
 upon the cross,

Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance,
 Heart of Jesus, refuge of sinners,
 Heart of Jesus, strength of the weak,
 Heart of Jesus, comfort of the afflicted,
 Heart of Jesus, support of the tempted,
 Heart of Jesus, perseverance of the just,
 Heart of Jesus, hope of the dying,
 Heart of Jesus, joy of the blessed,
 Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Jesus.

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Have mercy upon us, O Jesus.

V. O most sacred heart of Jesus, have
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R. That we may worthily love thee
 with our whole hearts.

Let us Pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who glorify the most sacred heart of thy beloved Son, and commemorate the principal benefits which his love hath bestowed upon us, may both delight in so doing, and may enjoy the fruits thereof, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

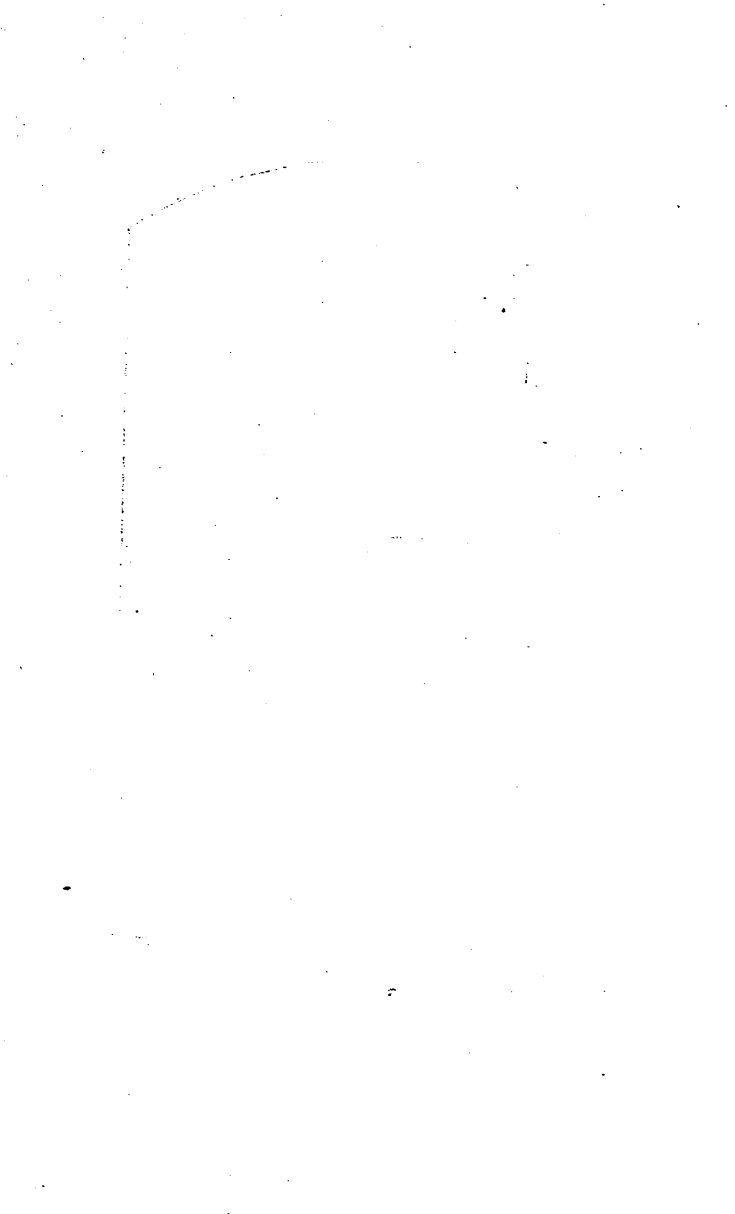
An Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

O adorable heart of Jesus, centre of all hearts, glowing with charity, and inflamed with zeal for the glory of God and for the salvation of mankind; O heart of Jesus, ever sensible of our miseries and ever ready to afford us relief; O heart of Jesus, a real victim of love in the holy Eucharist, and a propitiatory sacrifice for sin on the altar of the cross; seeing that a great number of Christians make no other return for all thy mercies than contempt of thy

favours, forgetfulness of their own obligations, and ingratitude to the best of benefactors, it is most just that we, thy servants, penetrated with the deepest sense of the indignities offered to thee, should, as far as we are able, make an act of humble reparation to thy most sacred majesty. Prostrate, therefore, in body, and with humble and contrite hearts, we declare our detestation of such conduct. Intense was the bitterness which our manifold sins brought on thy tender heart, immense the weight of our iniquities which pressed thy face to the earth in the Garden of Olives, and inconceivable thy anguish when, expiring with love, grief and agony on Mount Calvary, thou didst in thy last breath pray for sinners, and invite them to their duty and repentance. This we know, O dear Redeemer; and we would willingly make some amends for thy sufferings by patience under our own slight crosses and afflictions.

O merciful Jesus, ever present on our altars, and with a heart open to receive all who labor and are burdened ; O adorable heart of Jesus, source of true contrition ; give to our hearts the spirit of sincere repentance, and to our eyes a fountain of tears, that we may bewail our own sins and the sins of the world. Pardon, O divine Jesus, all the injuries and outrages which thy sacred heart has received from mankind. Forgive all the impieties, irreverences, and sacrileges which have been committed against thee in the sacrament of the Eucharist from its first institution. Graciously receive the small tribute of our sincere repentance as an agreeable offering in thy sight, and in return for the benefits we daily receive from the altar, where thou art a living and continued sacrifice, and in union with that holocaust thou didst present to thy eternal Father on the cross.

Sweet Jesus, give thy blessing to the ardent desire we now feel, and to the holy



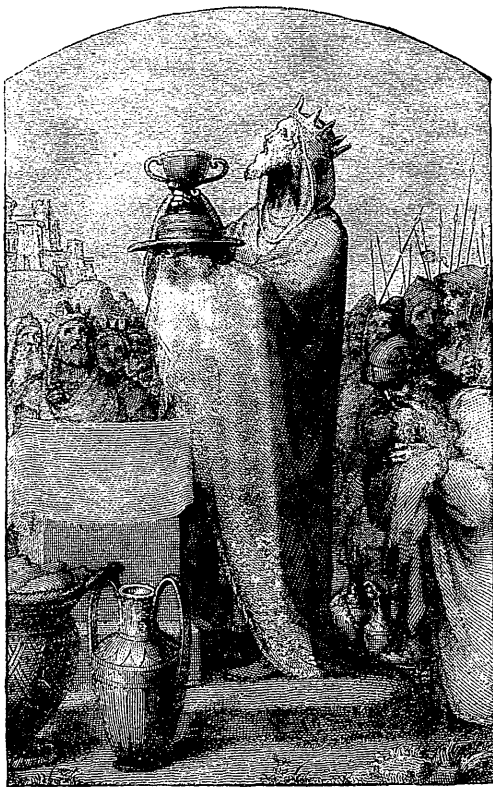


SACRIFICE OF MELCHISEDECH.

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portion of thy flock, in order to make all religious conquests to thy love, and victims consecrated to thy glory. This it is which keeps thee concealed in the tabernacle and in the enclosure of this monastery, which thou regardest as thy chosen vineyard, in which thou hast raised the stronghold of thy divine sacrament, or, in other words, thine own body, as an invincible fortress against all its enemies. Thou hast surrounded it with the rampart of the rules and the sublime laws of thy holy gospel. Thou hast placed there the winch-press of thy adorable blood, and hast abundantly showered down the heavenly dew of thy graces over them; and before the whole heavenly court thou sayest, "What could I do for my vineyard that I have not done to it? I have looked that it should produce good fruit, and it has brought forth only that which is wild and bitter." O my God, very frequently those for whom thou hast the most solicitude

correspond the least to thy tenderness, and afflict thy heart most profoundly, compelling thee thus to complain: "If my enemy had reviled me I would willingly have borne with it; but that those whom I have entertained daily at my table, whereof I am the nourishment, should thus rebel; that they, the children of my house, should thus rise against me, is insupportable to me." Truly are sins committed in a holy place much more grievous; and it is against such profanations of thy holy dwellings that thou hast pronounced this sentence: "He who hath done evil in the holy place shall not see the glory of God." O Lord, let thy mercy this day arrest the arm of thy justice; behold me prostrate before thee, in order to make thee a worthy reparation for all the indignities, tepidity, want of reverence, contempt and negligence with which we approach this adorable sacrament; for all the communions made through custom, ostentation, and hypoc-

ris; for all the sins we commit in this house, which thou sanctifiest by thy real presence. Ah! I would that my sorrow were great as the sea, that my eyes might shed tears of blood, wherewith to weep over the injuries thou sufferest from thy most cherished children, and from myself in particular, who am the most guilty of all. Ah! why have I not enough zeal and fervor, that I might worthily repair all the injuries thou hast received? Vouchsafe to accept these, my desires. Would that I could unite in my faith and love, and by the sacrifice I make thee of whatever is mine, those sentiments with which thy Holy Spirit has inspired thy blessed Mother and thy saints! Amen.

DEVOTIONS

TO THE SACRED HEART OF MARY.

[Next to the adorable Heart of Jesus, the Heart of His most blessed Mother should be the object of your most tender love, confidence, and veneration. Go to the Heart of Jesus; but go through Mary, go with Mary. Clothe yourself with the merits of her pure heart, and approach with confidence to the Heart of Jesus. No grace, no mercy, no petition, can this divine Heart then refuse you.]

An Act of Consecration to the Most Holy Heart of Mary.

O Heart of Mary, ever Virgin! O heart the holiest, the purest, the most perfect, that the Almighty hath formed in any creature; O Heart full of all grace and sweetness, throne of love and mercy, image of the adorable Heart of Jesus, Heart that didst love God more than all the seraphim, that didst procure more glory to the most

holy Trinity than all the Saints together, that didst endure for love of us the bitter dolours at the foot of the cross, and dost so justly merit the reverence, love, and gratitude of all mankind, I give thee thanks for all the benefits which thou hast obtained for me from the divine mercy; I unite myself to all the souls that find their joy and consolation in loving and honoring thee. O Heart most amiable, the delight and admiration of the angels and the saints, henceforth thou shalt be to me, next to the Heart of Jesus, the object of my tenderest devotion, my refuge in affliction, my consolation in sorrow, my place of retreat from the enemies of my salvation, and, at the hour of my death, the surest anchor of my hope. Amen.

*An Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart
of Mary.*

O Heart of Mary, I honor thee as the Heart most pleasing to our Lord, and most intimately united to Him. I love thee as

the heart of the best of mothers, and I rejoice in thy glorious prerogatives. Prostrate before thee, O Heart of Mary, I make thee this humble act of reparation for all the outrages which thou hast received from me and from all mankind. I humbly confess that I have been guilty of the greatest ingratitude towards thee; but seeing that, through thee, the divine mercy has so often had regard unto me, I venture even yet to hope that thou wilt not abandon me. In this sweet confidence I am animated by a most earnest desire to be more faithful and more devoted to thee. I pray thee to accept all the good that henceforth I am resolved to do, and to present it to thy dear Son, Jesus; so that, through thee, my most loving Saviour may pour down his benedictions more and more on me, and on all who are dear to me. Amen.

[They who belong to the Arch-Confraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary may gain the following indulgences:

1. A plenary indulgence to all those who, after a

humble confession of their sins, shall receive the holy communion on the day of their reception into the confraternity, and on any of the following days: the Sunday immediately preceding Septuagesima Sunday, the Circumcision of our Lord, the Purification, the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Assumption, the Conception, and the Sorrows of the blessed Virgin Mary, the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle, and the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen.

2. Also a plenary indulgence to each member who recites daily the Angelical Salutation in honor of the Sacred Heart of Mary for the conversion of sinners. They may gain this indulgence on the anniversary of their baptism, on the usual condition of going to confession and holy communion on that day.

3. An indulgence of five hundred days, any Saturday in the year to all who shall devoutly attend a Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Mary, offered in any church where the society is established and there pray for the conversion of sinners.

4. A plenary indulgence to all the members twice a month, on any two days each one may select, provided that, having worthily confessed and received the holy communion, they visit some church and pray with the Pope's intentions.]

PRAYERS FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

EVER adorable Jesus, who wast crucified for the redemption of mankind ! I beseech thee by thy dolorous passion, by thy dreadful agony, by thy countless wounds, by the effusion of thy precious blood, by the commending of thy sacred soul into the hands of the Eternal Father, and by thy ignominious death on the cross, to vouchsafe, at my last hour, to receive my spirit into the bosom of thy mercy.

To the Blessed Virgin.

O Mary ! watch the hour when my departing soul shall lose its hold on earthly things, and shall stand unveiled in the presence of its great Creator. Oh be then to me a powerful advocate and a tender mother, and place the sacred merits of thy son Jesus in the scales of justice in my behalf.

To St. Joseph.

O holy Saint Joseph! who didst calmly breathe forth thy pious soul in the arms of Jesus and Mary, remember me at that moment so awful for me, and be thou my helper, when I shall bid farewell to all that is earthly.

To St. Michael.

O glorious St. Michael, and thou my good guardian angel, stand by me in that dreadful hour, protect me against all the powers of darkness, and conduct my soul to the mansions of eternal repose. O great St. Barbara, virgin and martyr, pray for me and obtain for me the grace to receive the last Sacraments worthily at the hour of my death. Amen.

Other Prayers for a Happy Death.

O Lord Jesus, God of goodness, and Father of mercies, I draw nigh to thee with a contrite and humble heart; to thee

I recommend the last hour of my life, and that judgment which awaits me afterwards.

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me that my course in this life is drawing to an end,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my hands, cold and trembling, shall no longer be able to clasp the crucifix, and, against my will, shall let it fall upon my bed of suffering,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix themselves on thee, my last and only support,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my lips, cold and trembling, pronounce, for the last time, thy adorable name,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my face, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; when my hair, bathed in the sweat

of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forebode my approaching end,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my ears, soon to be forever shut to the discourse of men, shall be open to that irrevocable decree, which is to fix my doom for all eternity,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness, who will endeavor to conceal from my eyes thy mercies and to plunge me into despair,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my poor heart, oppressed with suffering and exhausted by its continual struggles with the enemies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When the last tear, the forerunner of

my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of my expiation for my sins: grant that I may expire the victim of penance, and in that dreadful moment,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my friends and relations, encircling my bed, moved with compassion for me, shall invoke thy clemency in my behalf,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, when the whole world shall have vanished from my sight, when my agonizing soul shall feel the sorrows of death,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my last sighs shall force my soul to issue from my body, accepting them as the signal of a loving impatience to come to thee,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my

body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as a homage which I willingly pay to thy divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

When at length my soul, admitted to thy presence, shall first behold the splendor of thy Majesty, reject me not, but receive me into thy bosom, where I may forever sing thy praises; and in that moment when eternity shall begin to me,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me!

Let us Pray.

O God, who doomest all men to die, but concealest from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embrace of thy love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Let my soul die the death of the just, and my last end be like to them.”

DEVOTIONS FOR THE SICK.

IF attacked by any serious illness, let it be your first care to send for your spiritual director, and attend to the state of your soul, which is much better done at the beginning than afterwards, when the violence of the disorder, or the quality of the remedies, may render you incapable of performing so great a work. Sickness is frequently the punishment of sin, and therefore a sincere repentance and confession is often a more effectual means of recovery than any other.

If you have not already made your will, as in prudence you ought, let this also be done in the beginning of your sickness; that so, having settled your temporal affairs, you may apply your soul without disturbance to the spiritual.

Engage your best friends to give you timely notice if your illness be dangerous, and not to flatter you with hopes of life when there are little or no grounds for hope. Make the best you can of that time which, perhaps, is to be your last. Admit but of few visits, nor of any discourse but such as may be for your soul's profit.

Take proper care for the discharge of your debts, and all other obligations incumbent upon you; and this as much as may be in the beginning of your sickness. Forgive all those who have in any way injured you, and ask pardon of those you have injured.

Receive your sickness from the hand of God with a perfect resignation to his holy will, as a just punishment of your offences; frequently offer yourself up to him, and beg that he will give you patience, and sanctify your sufferings, and that he will accept of all your pains and uneasiness, in union with the sufferings of your Saviour

Jesus Christ, in deduction of the punishment due to your sins.

Often procure some friends to read to you such prayers as are most affecting and proper for your present condition, especially the Penitential Psalms, the Litanies, Acts of the Love of God, of patience and resignation, etc.

Have the crucifix, or a picture of Christ crucified, always before your eyes; think often upon his passion, hide yourself in spirit in his wounds, and embrace his feet with all the affection of your soul.

Aim, as much as you can, at a penitential spirit during your sickness; often cry to God for mercy, and make frequent acts of contrition for your sins. St. Augustine used to say, that no true Christian, however innocent his life might have been, ought to venture to die in any other state than that of a penitent.

*A Prayer Proper to be Daily Repeated in
Time of Sickness.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness, with which thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from thy fatherly hand. It is thy will it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May this sickness be to the honor of thy holy name, and for the good of my soul. For this end, I here offer myself with an entire submission to all thine appointments, to suffer whatever thou pleasest, and in what manner thou pleasest; for I am thy creature, O Lord, who have most ungratefully offended thee; and since my sins have a long time cried aloud to heaven for justice, why should I now complain if I feel thy hand upon me?

But rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath; but have regard to my weakness. Thou knowest how frail I am; that I am nothing but

dust and ashes. Deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, neither punish me according to my iniquities; but, according to the multitude of thy most tender mercies, have compassion on me. Oh, let thy justice be tempered with mercy, and let thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this my illness. Confirm my soul with strength from above, that I may bear with a true Christian patience all the uneasiness, pains, disquiets and difficulties of my sickness, and that I may cheerfully accept them as the just punishment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be thou my defence against all the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may in no way offend thee; and if this is to be my last, I beseech thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may not neglect nor be deprived of those helps which, in thy mercy, thou hast ordained for the good of my soul, to prepare it for its passage into

eternity; that, being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, put my whole trust in thee, love thee above all things, and, through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Short Acts of Virtues Proper to be Inculcated in Time of Sickness.

Lord, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and entirely resign myself to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will, but thine be done; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Lord, I submit to all the pains and uneasiness of this my illness; my sins have deserved infinitely more. Thou art just, O Lord, and thy judgment is right.

Lord, I offer up to thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion.

I adore thee, O my God and my All, as my first beginning and last end; and I desire to pay the best homage I am able, and to bow down all the powers of my soul to thee.

Lord, I desire to praise thee for ever, in sickness as well as in health; I desire to join my heart and voice with the whole Church of heaven and earth, in blessing thee for ever.

I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and thy whole Church, through Jesus Christ thy Son; and above all for having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with his precious blood. O let not that blood be shed for me in vain!

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which thou hast revealed, and which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. Thou art the Sovereign Truth, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived; and thou

hast promised the Spirit of Truth to guide thy Church into all truth. "I believe in God the Father Almighty," etc. In this faith I resolve, through thy grace, both to live and die. O Lord, strengthen and increase this my faith.

O my God, all my hopes are in thee; and through Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, and through his passion and death, I hope for mercy, grace, and salvation from thee. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; O let me never be confounded!

O sweet Jesus, receive me into thine arms in this day of my distress; hide me in thy wounds, bathe my soul in thy precious blood.

I love thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things; at least, I desire so to love thee. Oh, come now and take full possession of my whole soul, and teach me to love thee for ever!

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

Oh, when will thy kingdom come? O Lord, when wilt thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

I desire to embrace all my neighbors with perfect charity, for the love of thee. I forgive, from my heart, all who have in any way offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have in any way offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy, and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out mine iniquity.

O who will give water to my head, and a fountain of tears to mine eyes, that night and day I may weep for all my sins?

O that I had never offended so good a God! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have always preserved their baptismal innocence!

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me!

I commend my soul to God my Creator, who made me out of nothing; to Jesus Christ my Saviour, who redeemed me with his precious blood; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I renounce from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works; and I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Suffer not, O Lord, this mortal enemy of my soul to have any power over me, either now or at my last hour. O let thy holy angels defend me from all the powers of darkness.

Holy Mary, pray for me.

Holy Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, do thou defend me from the enemy, and receive me at the hour of death.

O holy angel of God, who art my guardian, stand by me and assist me.

O all ye blessed Angels and Saints of God, pray for me, a poor sinner.

*A Short Exercise in Preparation for Death,
which may be Used Every Day.*

My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; not my will, but thine be done. O my Lord, I resign myself entirely to thee, to receive death at the time and in the manner it shall please thee to send it.

I most humbly ask pardon for all my sins committed against thy sovereign goodness, and repent of them all from the bottom of my heart.

I firmly believe whatsoever the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches; and, by thy grace, I will die in this belief.

I hope to possess eternal life by thy infinite mercy, and by the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

O my God, I desire to love thee as my Sovereign Good, above all things, and to despise this miserable world. I desire to love my neighbor as myself, for the love of thee, and to forgive all injuries from my heart.

O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive thy sacred Body! O come now into my soul, at least by a spiritual communion! O grant that I may worthily receive thee before my death! I desire to unite myself to all the worthy communions which shall be made in thy holy Church, even to the end of the world.

Grant me the grace, O my divine Saviour, perfectly to efface all the sins I have committed by any of my senses, by applying daily to my soul thy blessed merits, and the holy unction of thy precious blood.

Holy Virgin, Mother of God, defend me from my enemies in my last hour, and present me to thy divine Son. Glorious St. Michael, prince of the heavenly host, and thou, my angel guardian, and you, my blessed patrons, intercede for me, and assist me in this last and dreadful passage.

O my God, I renounce all the tempta-

tions of the enemy, and whatsoever may in any way displease thee. I adore and accept of thy divine appointments with regard to me, and entirely abandon myself to them as most just and equitable.

O Jesus, my divine Saviour, be thou a Jesus to me, and save me. O my God, hiding myself with an humble confidence in thy dear wounds, I will give up my soul into thy divine hands. Oh, receive it into the bosom of thy mercy. Amen.



LITANY FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

O LORD JESUS, God of goodness, and Father of mercies, I approach to thee with a contrite and humble heart; to thee I recommend the last hour of my life, and the decision of my eternal doom,

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to an end,

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix themselves on thee, my last and only support,

When my face, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; when my hair, bathed in the sweat of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forebode my approaching end,

When my ears, soon to be forever shut to the discourse of men, shall be open to the irrevocable decree which is to cut me off from the living,

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of thy judgments, shall have to fight against the Angel of Darkness, who

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

will endeavor to conceal thy mercies from my eyes, and to plunge me into despair,

When my poor heart, yielding to the pressure, and exhausted by its frequent struggles against the enemies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death,

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins; grant that I may expire the victim of penance, and in that dreadful moment,

When my friends and relations, encircling my bed, shall shed tears of pity over me, and invoke thy clemency in my behalf,

When I have lost the use of my senses; when the world shall have vanished from my sight; when my agonizing soul shall feel the sorrows of death,

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as a homage which I willingly pay to thy divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life,

When at length my soul shall behold the splendor of thy Majesty, reject me not, but receive me into thy bosom, where I may for ever sing thy praises; and in that moment, when eternity shall begin for me,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.

Let us Pray.

O God, who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embraces of thy love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



LITANY FOR THE SICK

AND PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

LORD, have mercy on *him* (or *her*).

Christ, have mercy on *him*.

Lord, have mercy on *him*.

O God the Father, Creator of the world, *Have mercy on him.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy, etc.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect, *Have mercy, etc.*

O blessed Trinity, three Persons and one God, *Have mercy, etc.*

Holy Mother of God,

All ye holy angels and archangels,

All ye blessed company of the just,

All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,

All ye holy apostles and evangelists,

All ye holy disciples of our Lord,

All ye holy martyrs,

All ye holy bishops and confessors,

All ye holy virgins and widows,

All ye holy saints of God, *make intercesssion for him.*

Have mercy, O Lord, and spare, etc.

Have mercy, O Lord, and hear, etc.

Pray for him.

From all *his* sins and offences, and the punishment
due to them,

From all temptations, and the snares of the Devil,
From all impatience, and repining at thy just
chastisements,

From dejection of spirit, and distrust in thy
mercies,

From all undue fear of death, and all immoderate
desire of life,

From distraction of mind, and neglect of prepara-
tion for eternity,

By thy cross and passion,

By thy death and burial,

By thy glorious resurrection and ascension,

By thy grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,

In the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

We sinners; *beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to comfort *him* in *his*
sorrows, and enable *him* to look beyond death, to
the blessed state it leads to,

That it would please thee to remind *him* of all
thy mercies, and by them encourage *him* to a sure
confidence in thee,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe *him* the grace to
order all *his* temporal affairs with prudence, jus-
tice, and charity; and with a free and quiet mind
wholly to attend to dispose *himself* for heaven,

Deliver him, O Lord.

We beseech thee, hear us.

That thou wouldst sanctify this thy Fatherly correction of *him*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe *him* the grace to confess sincerely, to repent of all *his* sins, and grant *him* perfect remission and forgiveness of them,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe *him* the grace heartily to forgive all those that have offended him, and to satisfy, to the utmost of *his* power, whoever hath suffered the least prejudice by *him*,

That being thus reconciled to thee, and to all the world, he may, with assured hope and steadfast faith, receive the sacrament of thy blessed body; and may the strength of that heavenly food cheer *his* fainting spirits, and carry *him* on with joy in thy favor to the end,

That a patient submission under the pains of *his* sickness may expiate the punishment due to *his* sins, diminish *his* love of this world, and increase *his* desire of the next,

That whatever thy providence hath ordained, concerning *him*, he may readily acquiesce in, and both in life and death be always thine,

Son of God, *we beseech thee, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

We beseech thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. *Our Father, etc.*

O Lord, hear my prayer. And let my cry come
unto thee.

Let us Pray.

Almighty and eternal God, in whose hands are life and death; whose infinite wisdom disposes all things advantageously for them who love thee; behold thy servant whom thou hast cast upon a bed of sickness; comfort, we beseech thee, [*his or her*] afflicted spirit, increase his faith, strengthen his hope, and perfect his charity; sanctify for him all his sufferings; and if thy mercy shall restore him to his health, may he carefully correct the errors of his past life. If it please thee to call him out of this world, grant that he may safely pass through the shades of death, transported by thy holy angels into

the mansions of bliss, where unspeakable joys and perfect security shall be for ever confirmed to him; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer Before Receiving the Viaticum,
or the Holy Communion.*

O dear Jesus, I adore thee with all my heart; I give thee thanks for that infinite love which thou showedst to poor sinners, in dying for them on the cross, and for thy unspeakable goodness, displayed in this heavenly banquet. Hither thou art now pleased to invite me; but how can I approach! I, who have so ungratefully offended thee, and who have lived so unworthy of my profession.

I acknowledge, O God, that I am a sinner, a poor miserable sinner. Thou alone art my hope; to thee I raise my eyes, who art rich in mercy, who art my advocate and most powerful mediator. I commit my cause into thy hands. Help me now in my distress; let thy precious blood,

the infinite treasure of thy merits, supply all my deficiencies, while I partake of this sacred food. Thou knowest my weakness; thou knowest my unworthiness: thou seest how unfit I am, through the multitude and enormity of my sins, to appear before the judgment seat. I tremble at the dreadful hour when my manifold transgressions shall be laid before me. What shall I do then, O keeper of men? What must become of me, if my iniquities are to decide my eternal destiny? O Jesus, let me not go alone into that place of terror; come thou into my soul; accompany it to the tribunal of God; there let all thy mercies plead for me; though I have nothing to trust to in myself, yet upon thy infinite goodness I have every reason to rely. Let us, then, my soul, confidently recur to the mercies of our Lord; there let us shelter ourselves in the virtue of his blessed wounds; there, though our sins cry aloud for justice, his precious blood still cries

louder for mercy. It is on this mercy I depend; in this I hope, and in this I desire to die; come, dear Jesus, now into my soul, and possess it for ever.

Thou art my Lord and my God; behold I am thy servant; give me understanding and strengthen me, that I may ever conform to thy holy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the spotless Lamb, who takest away the sins of the world. Take from me all that is sinful, and give me that which is pleasing in thy sight.

Thou art my love and my joy, my God, and my all; thou art my portion and inheritance; it is thou who wilt restore my inheritance to me.

Let the powerful force of thy love affect all my faculties; let it entirely change my heart; that for love of thee I may die to the world, who for love of me was pleased to die on the cross.

Into thy hands I commit and surrender

my spirit and remainder of my life, and my whole being, whilst I am in possession of it, and have the power of making the offer and sacrifice.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

Glory and thanksgiving be to thee, O Lord, who in thy sweetness hast been pleased to visit and refresh my poor soul. Now let thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

Now thou art come to me, I will not let thee go; now I willingly bid farewell to the world, and with joy I go to thee, my God!

Nothing more, O dear Jesus, nothing more shall separate me from thee. Now I am united to thee; in thee I will live, in thee I will die, and in thee I hope to abide for ever. Now, life seems uneasy to me; I desire to be dissolved and be with Christ; for Christ is my life, and to die will be my gain.

Now I will fear no evils, though I walk

in the shadow of death, because thou art with me, O Lord. As the hart pants after the fountains of water, so does my soul after thee ; my soul thirsts after the fountain of living water ; O when shall I come and appear before the face of my God ?

Give me thy blessing, O Jesus, and establish my soul in everlasting peace ; such peace as only thou canst give ; such peace as it may not be in the power of my enemy to destroy.

What have I more to do with the world ? And in heaven what have I to desire but thee, my God ?

Into thy hands I commend my spirit ; receive me, sweet Jesus ! In thee may I rest, and in thy happiness rejoice without end. Amen.

A Prayer Before Extreme Unction.

Lord Jesus Christ, who in thy great mercy hast provided powerful resources for all our necessities ; grant me grace to have recourse to them with such disposi-

tions, that my soul may partake of all those great advantages and salutary effects which thou hast appointed in their institution. Thou hast instituted the sacrament of Extreme Unction for the benefit of the sick, who in their extremity stand more particularly in need of grace and consolation. I now desire to receive this heavenly medicine, for the ends for which it has been instituted. Grant, I beseech thee, that this holy Unction may produce in me all its happy fruits; by healing my soul, by fortifying me against all temptations, by supporting me in the hour of anguish and distress, and by preparing me for a happy passage, or for whatever may be thy holy will. If thou foreseest that my health will be conducive to thy greater glory, and expedient for my eternal salvation, let this be the means to restore it. I absolutely submit to thy will; I wish not so much to live as to serve thee. Dispose of me as thou

knowest best; all I desire is the accomplishment of thy will; give me health or sickness, life or death; give me whatever thou pleasest; not my will but thine be done: it is a greater happiness to fulfill thy will, than to enjoy ten thousand lives. How happy should I be if the destruction of my body could repair the injuries I have offered to thy divine Majesty. My eyes, alas! have seen vanities; my ears have been open to detraction, to profane and unprofitable discourses; my tongue has many ways offended, both in speaking and tasting; my hands have contributed to many follies; my feet have often gone astray in the paths of vanity and sin. By this holy anointing, and by the prayers of the Church, pardon me, O Jesus, all the sins which I have committed by my senses. Let those avenues, through which sin has made its way into my soul, be now shut to the world. Let my eyes be open to thee alone. Let my ears be attentive

to thy commandments. Let my tongue be solely employed in soliciting for mercy. Let my prayers ascend like incense in thy sight. Let my hands be lifted up to heaven for pardon. Let my feet walk in thy ways; and let my heart be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Into thy hands, O dear Jesus, I commend my spirit. In thee I will live, in thee I will die, in thee I will abide, and in thee I hope to possess eternal rest for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer After Extreme Unction.

O my God, thou hast created, redeemed and sanctified me; thou hast preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. Thou hast nourished me with the adorable sacrament of thy body and blood, and granted me to receive the rites of thy Church. For these and all other blessings, I offer thee innumerable thanks; to thee I resign my heart; receive it for a holocaust. I do not desire to be freed from

my pains; thou knowest what is best for me; take from me all murmuring; give me patience to suffer whatever thou pleasest; if it be thy divine pleasure to inflict upon my weak body greater punishments than I now suffer, my heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready to accept them, and to suffer in whatever manner and measure shall be most conformable to thy will. This one grace I most earnestly beg of thee, my God; that I may die the death of thy elect, and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory life, into the kingdom of thy glory, there to see and enjoy thee, in the company of the blessed, for all eternity. Amen.

LITANY FOR A SOUL DEPARTING.

LORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

All ye holy angels and archangels,

Holy Abel,

All ye choirs of the just,

Holy Abraham,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye patriarchs and prophets,

SS. Peter and Paul,

SS. Andrew and John,

All ye holy apostles and evangelists,

All ye holy disciples of the Lord,

All ye holy innocents,

SS. Stephen and Lawrence,

All ye holy martyrs,

SS. Sylvester and Gregory,

St. Augustin,

All ye holy Monks and Hermits,

St. Mary Magdalen,

St. Lucy,

All ye holy Virgins and Widows,

Pray for him (or her).

All ye men and Women, Saints of God,

Intercede for him.

Be merciful,

Spare him, O Lord.

Be merciful,

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Be merciful unto him,

Deliver him, O Lord.

From thy wrath,

From the peril of death,

From an evil death,

From the pains of hell,

From all evil,

From the power of the devil,

Through thy Nativity,

Through thy Cross and Passion,

Through thy Death and Burial,

Through thy glorious Resurrection,

Through thine admirable Ascension,

Through the grace of the Holy Ghost the Paraclete,

In the day of judgment,

We sinners,

Beseech thee, hear us.

That thou spare him.

We beseech thee, hear us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, deliver him.

Go forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost, who was poured out upon thee; in the name of the Angels and Archangels; in the name of the Thrones and Dominations; in the name of the Principalities and Powers; in the name of the Cherubim and Seraphim; in the name of the Patriarchs and Prophets; in the name of the holy Apostles and Evangelists; in the name of the holy Martyrs and Confessors; in the name of the holy Monks and Hermits; in the name of the holy Virgins and of all the Saints of God; may thy place be this day in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God most merciful, O God most loving, O God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, blottest out the sins

of the penitent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences; look favorably upon this thy servant, N., and in thy mercy hear *him* begging, with the whole confession of *his* heart, for the remission of all *his* sins. Renew in *him*, O most loving Father, whatsoever hath been corrupted through human frailty, or violated through the deceit of the devil; and associate *him*, as a member of redemption, to the unity of the body of the Church. Have pity, Lord, on *his* sighs; have pity on *his* tears; and admit *him*, whose only hope is in thy mercy, to the sacrament of thy reconciliation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I commend thee to Almighty God, dearest *brother*, and commit thee to him whose creature thou art; that, when thou shalt have paid the debt of humanity by death, thou mayest return to thy Maker, who formed thee of the dust of the earth. As thy soul goeth forth from the

body, may the bright company of Angels meet thee; may the judicial senate of Apostles greet thee; may the triumphant army of white-robed Martyrs come out to welcome thee; may the band of glowing Confessors, crowned with lilies, encircle thee; may the choir of Virgins, singing jubilees, receive thee; and the embrace of a blessed repose fold thee in the bosom of the Patriarchs: mild and festive may the aspect of Jesus Christ appear to thee, and may he award thee a place among them that stand before him for ever. Mayest thou never know whatever is terrifying in darkness, dismal in the roaring of flames, or excruciating in torments. May foulest Satan, with his crew, give way before thee; may he tremble at thy coming among Angels that attend thee, and flee away into the vast chaos of eternal night. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let them also that hate him flee before his face. Like as the

smoke vanisheth, so let them fall away ; and like as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God ; but let the just rejoice and exult before him. May then all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame, and the ministers of Satan never dare to stop thy way. May Christ, who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torments. May Christ, who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from everlasting death. May Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee within the ever verdant gardens of his paradise, and may he, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee among his sheep. May he absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand in the lot of his elect. Mayest thou behold thy Redeemer face to face ; and, standing always in his presence, gaze with blessed eyes on the open vision of truth. And set thus among the troops of the blessed, mayest thou enjoy the sweetness of divine contemplation for ever and ever. Amen.

Receive, O Lord, thy servant, into the place of salvation, of which *he* hath no hope but in thy mercy.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant from all the dangers of hell, and from the snares of torment, and from all tribulations.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant as thou deliveredst Noah from the flood.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Abraham from Ur of the Chaldeans.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Job from all his sufferings.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Isaac from being sacrificed by the hand of his father, Abraham.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Lot from Sodom and from the flame of fire.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, king of the Egyptians.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Daniel from the den of lions.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst the three children from the burning fiery furnace, and from the hands of the wicked king.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant,

as thou deliveredst Susanna from false accusation.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst David from the hand of King Saul, and from the hand of Goliah.

R. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Peter and Paul out of prison.

R. Amen.

And like as thou deliveredst thy most blessed Virgin and Martyr, Thecla, from three most cruel torments, so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this thy servant, and make it to rejoice with thee in the delights of heaven.

R. Amen.

We commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, N., and we beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, that thou wouldst not refuse to receive into the bosom of thy Patriarchs a soul

for whose sake thou didst mercifully come down upon earth. Acknowledge, O Lord, thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by thee, the only living and true God; for there is no other god beside thee, and none that doeth according to thy works. Rejoice *his* soul, O Lord, with thy presence, and remember not the iniquities and excesses which, through the violence of anger or the heat of evil passion, *he* hath at any time committed. For although *he* hath sinned, *he* hath not denied the Father and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, and hath had a zeal for God, and hath faithfully adored the Creator of all things.

Remember, not, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins of *his* youth and *his* ignorances; but, according to thy great mercy, be mindful of *him* in the brightness of thy glory. Let the heavens be opened to *him*, let the angels rejoice with *him*. Receive thy servant, O Lord, into thy king-

dom. Let St. Michael, the Archangel of God, prince of the armies of heaven, receive *him*. Let the holy angels of God come forth to meet *him*, and conduct *him* to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. Let the blessed Peter the Apostle, to whom God gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive *him*. Let St. Paul the Apostle, who was counted worthy to be a vessel of election, assist *him*. Let St. John, the chosen Apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for *him*. Let all the holy Apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for *him*. Let all the Saints and Elect of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for *him*, that, loosed from the bonds of the flesh, he may attain unto the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *R.* Amen.

[If the dying person be in his senses, the following acts may be made:]

An Act of Thanksgiving.

O my God, thou hast created, redeemed and sanctified me. Thou hast preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. Thou hast fed me with thy most blessed body and blood. Thou hast shown immense patience in bearing with my repeated crimes, and often called me to repentance. For these and all other blessings bestowed upon me, a most ungrateful sinner, I offer thee innumerable thanks.

An Act of Resignation.

O my God, I cheerfully receive the certain summons of my death. It is a greater happiness to fulfil thy will, than to enjoy ten thousand lives! O happy news of my departure! I shall soon hear the choirs of angels sing thy immortal praises. Let death hasten on, that I may no more

offend thee, but live with thee, and love thee eternally.

An Act of Contrition.

I am truly and heartily sorry for all my sins, not through the fear of hell, or hope of reward, but for the love of thee, my God and only God; and were I beginning as I am ending my life, I would not offend thee for a thousand worlds. O my God, do not despise a contrite and humble heart.

[If the sick party still continue in distress of agony, it would be proper for the assistants to read again the foregoing Litany and Prayers, as often as may be necessary.]

[The soul being now departed, the following Responsory is said:]

R. Come to his (*her*) assistance all ye saints of God; meet *him* all ye angels of the Lord: Receive *his* soul: presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. May Christ, who called thee, receive thee, and the angels conduct thee into the bosom of Abraham.

R. Receiving *his* soul and presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Eternal rest grant *him*, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

Presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, etc.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Eternal rest grant *him*, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

V. From the gates of hell,

R. Deliver *his* soul, O Lord.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto thee.

Let us Pray.

To thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of thy servant, N., that being dead to this world, *he* may live to thee. And whatever sins *he* has committed through human frailty, we beseech thee in thy goodness mercifully to pardon; through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

[Then, for a conclusion, may be added the following prayer for the assistants:]

Grant, O Lord, that while we here lament the departure of thy servant, we may ever remember that we are most certainly to follow *him*. Give us grace to prepare for that last hour, by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden death, but be ever watching when thou shalt call, that so with the Spouse we may enter into eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A UNIVERSAL PRAYER

FOR ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO SALVATION.

O MY God, I believe in thee; do thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in thee; do thou secure them. I love thee; teach me to love thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended thee; do thou increase my sorrow.

I adore thee as my first beginning; I aspire after thee as my last end. I give thee thanks as my constant benefactor; I call upon thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by thy wisdom, to restrain me by thy justice, to comfort me by thy mercy, to defend me by thy power.

To thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; that henceforward I may think of thee,

Speak of thee, refer all my actions to thy greater glory, and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

. Lord, I desire that in all things thy will may be done, because it is thy will, and in the manner that thou willest.

I beg of thee to enlighten my understanding, to inflame my will, to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences, to overcome my temptations, to subdue my passions, and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affection for thy goodness, hatred of my faults, love of my neighbor, and contempt of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by alms-deeds, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in affliction, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers, temperate at my meals, diligent in my employment, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure, my exterior modest, my conversation edifying, and my comportment regular.

Assist me, that I may continually labor to overcome nature, to correspond with thy grace, to keep thy commandments, and to work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death; that I may fear thy judgments, that I may escape hell, and in the end obtain heaven. Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

THE TE DEUM.

WE praise thee, O God ; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee; the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud ; the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry :

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious choir of the Apostles praise thee.

The admirable company of the Prophets praise thee.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee.

The Father of an infinite majesty.

Thy adorable, true and only Son.

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sting of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We pray thee, therefore, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord save thy people, and bless thine inheritance.

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee.

And we praise thy name for ever; yea, for ever and ever.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day to keep us without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us; have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us, as we have hoped in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I hoped; let me not be confounded for ever.

V. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise and extol him for ever.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto thee.

Let us Pray.

O God, of whose merits there is no number, and of whose goodness the treasure

is infinite, we humbly thank thy divine Majesty for the gifts thou hast bestowed on us; always beseeching thy clemency that thou, who grantest the request of those who ask with humility, wilt not forsake us, but dispose us for the rewards to come; through, etc.



PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

WE salute thee, St. Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity. We salute thee, great saint, Cherub of wisdom and Seraph of divine love. We rejoice at the favors our Lord has so liberally bestowed on thee. In humility and confidence we entreat thee to help us, for we know that God hath given thee charity and pity, as well as power. Oh, then behold our distress, our anxiety, our fears concerning —. We ask thee by the love thou didst feel towards the amiable little Jesus, when he covered thee with caresses. Oh! tell Him now of our wants. One sigh from that breast he so honored will crown our success, will fill us with joy. Ah! remember how complete thy bliss was when thou heldest him to thy breast, pressed thy cheek to his, and lis-

tened to his angelic voice. Think of this and hear us for his condescending love. Obtain for us all that we ask, all that we desire, and we will publish thy grandeur, thereby to honor and glorify him who so blessed thee. Amen.

St. Anthony, whom the infant Jesus so much loved and honored, obtain for us what we ask of thee.

St. Anthony, powerful, in word and work, obtain for us, etc.

St. Anthony, attentive to those who invoke thee, obtain for us, etc.

PRAYER TO ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA.

O AMIABLE SAINT, whose life was more angelical than human, I, thy most unworthy servant, come to confide, in a special manner, to thy pure hands, and to thy watchful solicitude, the purity of my

soul and body. Angel of purity, I earnestly beseech thee to intercede for me with Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Lamb, and with his Holy Mother, the Virgin of virgins, that I may be preserved from every grievous sin, and from the least stain of impurity.

When thou seest me tempted and in danger of sinning against that virtue which was so dear to thee, remove far from my mind and heart every unchaste thought and desire; bring to my mind the thought of eternity, and of Jesus crucified; fill my heart with the fear of God; kindle within it the fire of divine love, and obtain, that after having imitated thy virtues here below, I may enjoy with thee, in heaven, the happiness to possess God, and to possess him for ever.

Our Father and Hail Mary.

[One hundred days' indulgence, once a day, to those who recite with devotion the above prayer to St. Aloysius Gonzaga.]

PRAYER TO ST. PATRICK.

O GOD, who wast pleased to send blessed Patrick, thy Bishop and Confessor, to preach thy glory to the Gentiles, grant that by his merits and intercession we may, through thy grace, be enabled to keep thy commandments. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, three times, in union with St. Patrick, to obtain the gift of faith, a lively hope, and perfect charity; also to thank the adorable Trinity for the graces and privileges bestowed on this great Saint]

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S PRAYERS,

WHEN HE WISHED TO OBTAIN ANY FAVOR FROM GOD.

O JESUS! Thou, the love of my soul, assist me, I beseech thee, by those five wounds which, for my sake, thou didst suffer on the cross. Amen.

O Jesus, my Lord and my God, I beseech thee by thy holy passion to have pity on me, who am laboring under my present difficulty. Amen.

O Jesus, thou God of my soul, and Father of all mercies, I most humbly implore thee, by the merits of thy sacred passion, not to forsake me in temptation. Amen.

O Jêsus, the desire of my heart, regard me with a favorable eye; and thou, holy Virgin, be propitious to me. Lord Jesus, look upon thy sacred wounds, and remember they have given me a right to ask of thee anything conducive to my good. Amen.

PRAVER TO JESUS CRUCIFIED.

En ego, O bone et dulcissime Jesu, ante conspectuum genibus me provolvo ac maximo animi ardore te oro atque obtestor ut meum in cor vividos fidei, spei, et charitatis sensus, atque veram peccatorum meorum pœnitentiam, eaque emendandi firmissimam voluntatem velis imprimere; dum magno animi affectu et dolore tua quinque vulnera mecum ipse considero, ac mente contemplan, illud præ oculis habens quod jam in ore ponebat suo David propheta de te, O bone Jesu: "Foderunt manus meas et pedes meos; dinumeraverunt omnia ossa mea."

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind the words which David, thy prophet, said of thee, my Jesus: "They pierced my hands and my feet; they numbered all my bones."—*Ps.* xxi., 17, 18.

His Holiness Pope Pius IX, by a decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences, July 31, 1858, following the decrees already issued by his predecessors, confirmed

anew the Plenary Indulgence granted by Clement VIII, and Benedict XIV, and confirmed by Pius VII and Leo XII, to those who shall say this prayer. He declared, moreover, that those who wish to gain this plenary indulgence must say this prayer with devotion before an image or picture of our crucified Redeemer; and, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, spend some time in prayer for the intention of his Holiness.

INVOCATION.

Anima Christi, sanctifica me.	Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Corpus Christi, salva me.	Body of Christ, save me.
Sanguis Christi, inebria me.	Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Aqua lateris Christi, lava me.	Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passio Christi, conforta me.	Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O bone Jesu, exaudi me.	O good Jesus, hear me.
Intra tua vulnera absconde me.	Within thy wounds hide me.
Ne permittas me separari a te.	Permit me not to be separated from thee.
Ab hoste maligno defende me.	From the malignant enemy defend me.

In hora mortis meæ voca me.	In the hour of my death call me,
Et jube me venire ad te.	And bid me come to thee,
Ut cum sanctis tuis lau- dem te.	That, with thy saints, I may praise thee,
In sæcula sæculorū.	For ever and ever. Amen.
Amen.	

His Holiness, Pope Pius IX, by a decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences, January 9, 1854, revoking all other grants of indulgences which may have been made for saying this invocation, granted to all the faithful :

An indulgence of three hundred days every time that, with at least contrite heart and devotion, they shall say it.

An indulgence of seven years, once a day, to priests who shall say it after saying Mass, and to the faithful, after receiving holy communion.

A Plenary Indulgence, once a month, to all the faithful who have the pious custom of saying it, as above directed, at least once a day, for a month, on any day when, being truly penitent, after confession and communion, they shall visit a church or public oratory, and pray there for some time for the intention of his Holiness.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH,

FOR THE RULING POWERS, ETC.

WE pray thee, O Almighty and Eternal God, who, through Jesus Christ, hast revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of thy name.

We pray thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life our chief Bishop, *N. N.*, the vicar of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his church; our own Bishop, *N. N.*, (or, if he be not consecrated, "our Bishop elect,") all other

bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church, and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry and conduct thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray thee, O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted and judgment decreed, assist, with thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States; that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy, and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all their proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of

national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency the Governor of this State, for the members of Assembly, for all judges, magistrates and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare; that they may be enabled, by thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise to thy unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow-citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union and in that peace which the world cannot give, and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray thee, O Lord of mercy,

to remember the souls of thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relations and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors, who, by their donations or legacies to this church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A PRAYER TO BE DAILY SAID

BY THOSE WHO CARRY ABOUT THEM AN AGNUS DEI.

O MY Lord Jesus Christ, the true Lamb, that takest away the sins of the world, by thy mercy, which is infinite, pardon my iniquities ; and by thy sacred passion preserve me this day from all sin and evil. I carry about me this holy *Agnus Dei* in thy honor, as a preservative against my own weakness, and as an incentive to the practice of meekness, humility and innocence, which thou hast taught. I offer myself up to thee as an entire oblation, and in memory of that sacrifice of love which thou offeredst for me on the cross, and in satisfaction for my sins. Accept, O my God, the oblation I make, and may it be agreeable to thee in the odor of sweetness. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ONE'S CONFESSOR.

DEIGN, O my God, to adorn the soul of my spiritual director with the virtues befitting the functions of the awful ministry with which thou hast invested him. Grant him the faith of St. Peter, the charity of St. Paul, the firmness of St. Chrysostom, the evangelical liberty of St. Ambrose, the light of St. Augustine, the piety of St. Bernard, the zeal of St. Charles Borromeo, the mildness of St. Francis of Sales, and the humanity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Guide him thyself, O Lord, in all his actions, that after having been here below a prudent and faithful dispenser of thy mysteries, he may hereafter receive from thy bountiful hands the bright crown thou hast promised, in a blessed eternity, to the priests who shall have consecrated

their lives to bring back their fellow creatures from the ways of error, and to conduct them in the paths of justice and peace. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. BERNARD

TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

REMEMBER, O most pious Virgin Mary, that no one ever had recourse to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy mediation, without obtaining relief. Confiding, then, in thy goodness and mercy, I cast myself at thy sacred feet, and do most humbly supplicate thee, O Mother of the eternal Word, to adopt me as thy child, and take upon thyself the care of my salvation. O let it not be said, my dearest Mother, that I have perished where no one ever found but grace and salvation. Amen.

SOLILOQUY OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

Too late have I loved thee, O beauty ever new, too late have I loved thee. Thou wast within, and I was without, and without I sought thee; I went in pursuit of those beauteous objects which thou hast created. I asked the earth whether it were not my God, and it answered: No; and all things upon earth agreed in the same confession. I asked the sea, and the great depths, and the creeping creatures which exist in them; they answered: We are not thy God; seek him above us. I asked the firmament; and the air, with all its inhabitants, replied: I am not thy God. I asked the heaven, the sun, the moon, and the stars, and they declared: We are not thy God. Then I said to all surrounding objects: You all inform me that you are not my God; but tell me, at

least, somewhat about him. They all cried out: It is he that made us. Then I asked the globe of the world: Tell me whether thou be my God or not? and it answered, with a loud voice: I am not God; seek him above me; for he governeth me, and made me.

We interrogate in the same manner the works of the creation, when we reflect with attention upon them; and their answers demonstrate that none could create them but God; they all proclaim with one accord: It is God that made us. At last I entered into myself, and said: Who art thou? and I answered: A rational and mortal man. And I began to examine more minutely the nature of man; and I asked thee, O my God, whence he derived his origin; whence, but from thee? It is thou who madest me, not I myself. Who art thou? Thou art he, by whom I live; thou art he, by whom all things live. Who art thou? Thou, O Lord, art the

true, the only omnipotent, eternal, infinite, and incomprehensible God.

I give thee thanks, O Lord my God, by whom I and all things live, for having created me. I give thee thanks, my Creator, "because thy hands have made me and fashioned me." I give thee thanks, O my light, because thou hast enlightened me, and I have, by this means, found both thee and myself. Too late have I loved thee, O ancient beauty; O beauty ever new, too late have I loved thee!

PRAYER TO IMPLORE DIVINE LIGHT

BEFORE ANY PARTICULAR UNDERTAKING.

O ADORABLE JESUS, I come to thee before I commence this undertaking, to implore thy assistance, and to consecrate it, through thee, to the glory of thy heavenly Father. Thou knowest that I can do nothing of myself; assist me, then, I beseech thee, to

accomplish the will of God, that divine will which was so dear to thee as to be thy food while thou wast on earth. Direct me particularly in the affair I am going about, and teach me to act in a manner pleasing to thy divine majesty; or rather do thou thyself deign to act in and by me; deign to govern me by thy wisdom, to support me by thy power, and by thy infinite goodness to direct all my exertions on this occasion to thy greater glory, and my own eternal salvation.

[Or, recite Hail Mary twice, placing in the hands of Mary the work or undertaking you mean to commence, and confiding it to her care.]

During the Undertaking.

My God, it was for thee I began; for thee I continue; for thee I desire to finish this action. I offer all for thy glory, for my sanctification, and the salvation of souls.

THE END.

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